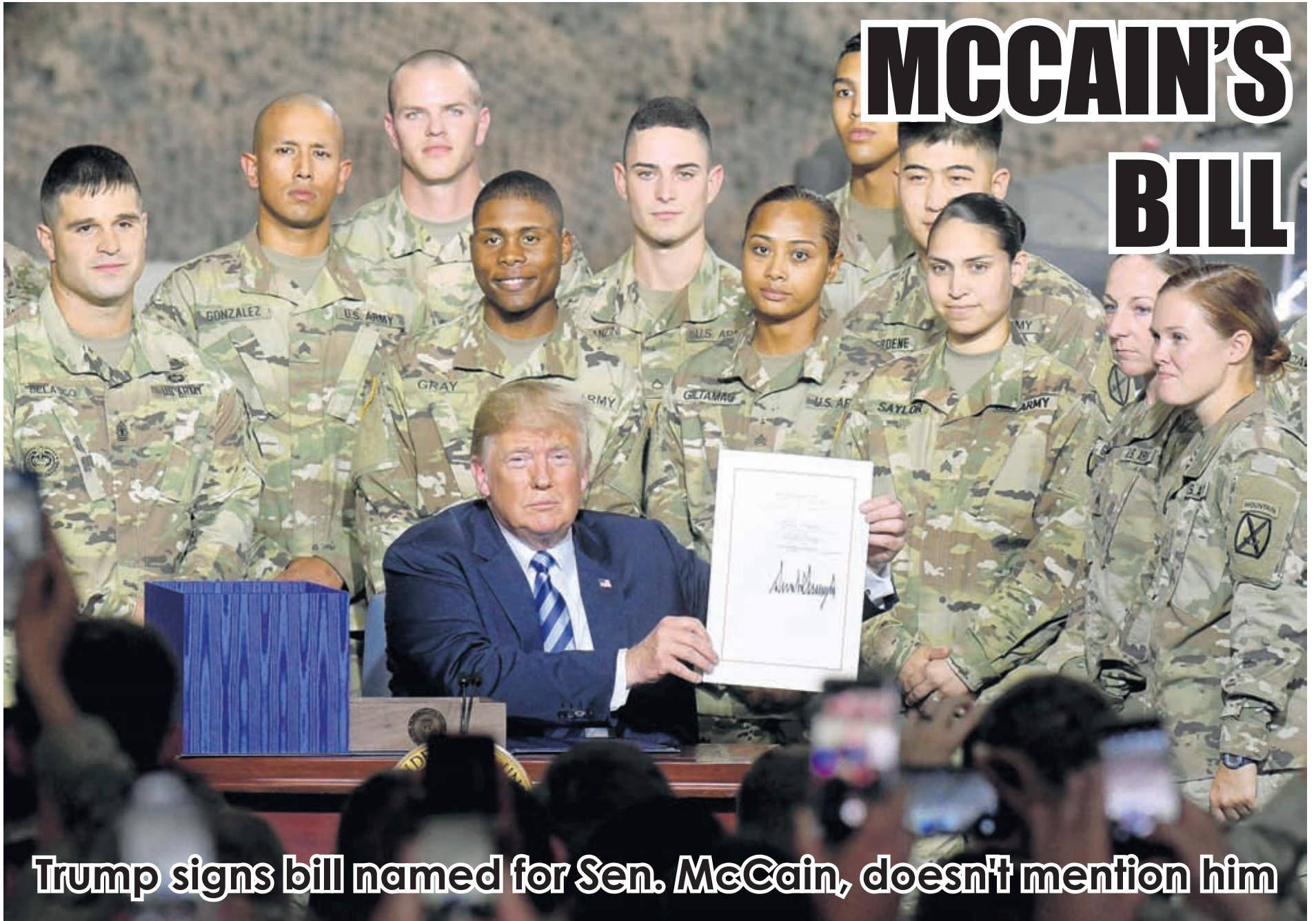




## MCCAIN'S BILL



### Trump signs bill named for Sen. McCain, doesn't mention him

President Donald Trump signs the John McCain National Defense Authorization Act for the Fiscal Year 2019, during a signing ceremony Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Fort Drum, N.Y.

Associated Press

By JILL COLVIN and DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

**FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP)** — President Donald Trump on Monday signed a \$716 billion defense policy bill named for John McCain but included no mention in his remarks of the Republi-

can senator, who is battling brain cancer at home in Arizona.

Trump and McCain are engaged in a long-running feud that dates to Trump's 2016 presidential run. At campaign rallies, Trump regularly castigates McCain — without using his

name — for casting a dramatic thumbs-down vote that doomed Trump's effort last year to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which was enacted by President Barack Obama.

Trump said there was "no better place than right here at Fort Drum" to celebrate

passage of the defense bill, which will boost military pay by 2.6 percent, giving service members their largest increase in nine years. The bill — formally the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act but referred to by Trump as simply the National De-

fense Authorization Act — will introduce thousands of new recruits to active duty, reserve and National Guard units and replace aging tanks, planes, ships and helicopters with more advanced and lethal technology, Trump said.

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# FBI fires Peter Strzok in wake of anti-Trump text messages

**By MARY CLARE JALONICK**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Peter Strzok, a longtime FBI agent who was removed from the Russia investigation over anti-Trump text messages, has been fired by the agency, his lawyer said Monday.

The FBI had been reviewing Strzok's employment after the politically charged text messages were discovered last year. President Donald Trump's allies have seized on the texts, saying they show the investigation into possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia is tainted by political bias.

Strzok was fired late Friday by FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich, said his lawyer, Aitan Goelman. He said the 21-year veteran of the FBI was removed because of political pressure and "to punish Special Agent Strzok for political speech protected by the First Amendment."

Goelman also said the FBI had overruled the agency's Office of Professional Responsibility, or OPR, which he said had determined that a 60-day suspension and demotion from supervisory duties was "the appropriate punishment."

In a statement, the FBI said Strzok was subject to the standard FBI review and disciplinary process and defended the decision to overrule the OPR. "The Deputy Director, as the senior career FBI official, has the delegated authority to review and modify any disciplinary findings and/or penalty as deemed necessary in the best interest of the FBI," the statement said. Strzok, who exchanged text messages with FBI lawyer Lisa Page, vigorously defended himself at a combative House hearing in July that spanned 10 hours. Strzok repeatedly insisted the texts, including ones in which he called Trump a "disaster," did not reflect political bias and had not infected his work.

Texts between the two included their observations of the 2016 election and criticism of Trump. They used words like "idiot,"



**In this July 12, 2018 file photo, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok is seated to testify before the the House Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform during a hearing on "Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election," on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

"loathsome," "menace" and "disaster" to describe him. In one text four days before the election, Page told Strzok that the "American presidential election, and thus, the state of the world, actually hangs in the balance."

In another text, Page wrote

Strzok in August 2016: "(Trump's) not ever going to become president, right? Right?!"

Strzok responded: "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."

Strzok worked on the early stages of the Russia investigation in 2016 and worked on the special counsel's

team for a few months after Robert Mueller was appointed in May 2017.

Strzok was also a lead investigator on the probe into Democrat Hillary Clinton's email sever in 2016. An internal Justice Department report issued in June blamed Strzok and Page for

creating an appearance of impropriety through their texts but found the outcome of the Clinton investigation was not marred by bias. Clinton was cleared in the probe.

Republicans were livid during the July hearing, which several times devolved into a partisan shouting match. Democrats accused Republicans of trying to divert attention from Mueller's investigation and Trump's ties to Russia by focusing on Strzok.

Trump, who has repeatedly taken aim at Strzok, said in a tweet Monday that Strzok is one of many "bad players" in the FBI and the Justice Department.

"It is a total Hoax," Trump said of the Russia investigation. "No Collusion, No Obstruction - I just fight back!" There is no indication that the probe will be dropped. The president also tweeted that the Clinton investigation "was a total fraud on the American public and should be properly redone!" House Republicans cheered Strzok's firing, with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy saying on Twitter that it was "long overdue."

North Carolina Republican Rep. Mark Meadows, one of the leading critics of the FBI investigations, said Strzok was fired "because of what his own written words plainly showed: he was willing to use his official FBI position to try and stop President Trump from getting elected. He tarnished the FBI's sterling reputation and severely damaged public trust in an institution where trust is paramount."

Meanwhile, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee was lambasted by his own son on Twitter Monday for "ruining" Strzok's career. Bobby Goodlatte, the son of Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., wrote, "That committee hearing was a low point for Congress" and called Strzok a "patriot." The younger Goodlatte also began soliciting campaign donations Sunday for the Democrat who is running to replace his father, who is retiring. □

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"Hopefully, we'll be so strong we'll never have to use it. But if we ever did, nobody has a chance," he said.

The bill also authorizes billions of dollars for military construction, including family housing.

Besides setting policy and spending levels, the bill weakens a bid to clamp down on Chinese telecom company ZTE. It allows Trump to waive sanctions against countries that bought Russian weapons and now want to buy U.S. military equipment. The bill provides no money for Trump's requested Space Force but authorizes the military parade he wants in Washington in November.

The compromise bill removes a provision reinstating penalties against ZTE and restricting the company's ability to buy U.S. component parts. ZTE was almost forced out of business after being accused of selling sensitive information to nations hostile to the U.S., namely Iran and North Korea, in violation of trade laws.

The measure also includes provisions designed to improve how the Defense Department handles reports of child-on-child sexual assaults among the tens of thousands of children and teens who live and go to school on the military bases where their parents serve. An Associated Press investigation this spring documented broad failures of justice when military kids report incidents.

Among the changes, the bill creates new legal protections for students at Department of Defense Education Activity schools and requires the school system and the Pentagon to develop new policies for responding to reports on bases more generally. Schools

and the armed services also must start tracking incidents — AP identified nearly 700 over 10 years, but that was a certain undercount.

The annual measure sets policies and a budget outline for the Pentagon and will be followed by a later appropriations bill.

Trump and McCain have had a strained relationship for years. During his election campaign, Trump declared that McCain, who was a prisoner of war for more than five years in Vietnam, was not a war hero, and he has publicly and privately blamed McCain for submarining the Republican health care bill last year.

In May, a West Wing aide dismissed McCain's negative opinion on Trump's CIA nominee during a closed-door meeting by saying of the senator that "he's dying anyway." Trump, who has long prided himself on never apologizing, believ-

ing it shows weakness, did not apologize, but the aide was later fired.

In a statement Monday, McCain expressed pride in the bill.

"I'm proud the NDAA is now law & humbled Congress chose to designate it in my name. As Chairman of the Armed Services Cmte, I've found high purpose in service of a cause greater than self—the cause of our troops who defend America & all that she stands for," he tweeted.

His wife, Cindy McCain, meanwhile, retweeted a post from CBS News that noted Trump had neglected to mention McCain at the signing. □

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President Donald Trump greets member of the military as he arrives on Air Force One at Wheeler-Sack Army Air Field in Fort Drum, N.Y., Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.

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# Democrats look to longshot territory for midterm gains

By **DAN SEWELL** and **BILL BARROW**

**Associated Press**

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — As Aftab Pureval campaigns for Congress in southwest Ohio, he sometimes smilingly introduces himself as “a brown dude with a funny name.”

The Ohio native is the son of a Tibet-born mother and India-born father. He first upset the Cincinnati political order in 2016, winning the Hamilton County clerk of court’s post that had been in Republican hands for a century. Now the 35-year-old attorney-turned-politician wants to unseat veteran Republican Rep. Steve Chabot.

“He’s had his chance,” Pureval says of the 65-year-old Chabot. “It’s our time now.”

Defeating Chabot won’t be easy. He’s been a fixture on the Cincinnati-area political landscape for three decades and hasn’t had a tough race since congressional districts were redrawn following the 2010 census. Chabot won his 2016 race with 59 percent of the vote.

Their matchup is among dozens of House contests playing out in districts that have largely been afterthoughts in recent elections. It’s these kinds of races — beyond the 25 districts that elected a Republican member of Congress in 2016 despite Hillary Clinton defeating Donald Trump there — that could determine whether Democrats gain the 23 seats they need to retake the House.

Pureval is among the Democratic hopefuls looking to reclaim districts that span the nation’s small and midsize cities and their surrounding suburbs and small towns — much of it political territory where Democrats were swept away in Republicans’ 2010 midterm romp.

Democrats felt encouraged by the tight battle in last week’s congressional special election in Ohio. While Trump claimed victory for Republican state Sen. Troy Balderson, the race



**In this June 13, 2018, file photo, former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, left, and Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval stand for photographs during the “Women for Aftab” advocacy group kickoff event in support of Pureval’s 1st House District challenge to veteran Republican Rep. Steve Chabot in Cincinnati.**

against Democrat Danny O’Connor was considered too close to call, with a recount possible. The two will have a rematch in November for the seat vacated by Republican Pat Tiberi, who won by 37 points two years ago.

Democrats got a boost in a March special election in Pennsylvania, where Democrat Conor Lamb won a congressional district Trump carried by nearly 20 percentage points.

Pureval is among 60-plus names on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee’s “Red to Blue” list of candidates the national party believes are its best shots to flip GOP seats. The list is a mix of Clinton-won districts and the next tier of targets.

Beyond that list, there are several dozen additional districts the national party and grassroots groups are eyeing for signs of competitiveness.

Certainly, Democrats don’t expect to win all those districts, and there are a handful of Democratic seats that Republicans could reclaim. But Dan Sena, the DCCC’s executive director, says

the “historic and diverse battlefield” will force tough Republican decisions on “who to defend and who is a lost cause.”

Those dynamics mean legitimate races in districts as varied as Salt Lake City, where Mayor Ben McAdams faces Rep. Mia Love in a district Trump carried by 7 points (Love won in 2016 by 12 points) to West Virginia coal country, where Democratic state Sen. Richard Ojeda voted for Trump and now seeks an open seat in a district the president carried by 50 points. (Outgoing Republican Rep. Evan Jenkins last won by 44.)

It’s a stunning turn two years removed from just 16 House races coming within 5 points, with an average victory margin of 37 points across all 435 districts. Democrats are employing a range of candidates across that wide field.

Pureval is the millennial rising star. National Democrats noticed him after he scored the major upset to become Hamilton County clerk. He ran memorable TV ads that highlighted his unusual name with an Aflac duck-like puppet squawk-

ing “AF-TAB!”

Pureval shows up at nearly any parade, festival or other large public event and at home gatherings hosted by volunteers. He talks about economic development, helping the middle class and bringing generational change, trying to tap into demographic shifts without delving too much into the daily Trump-driven national narratives.

In conservative West Virginia, Ojeda is the tattooed combat veteran who offers righteous anger about the economic plight and opioid crisis gripping his part of the country. He voted for Trump but says Washington has forgotten about his district.

“When I’ve got children in my backyard that have it worse than some children I saw in Iraq and Afghanistan, it’s time for me to do something about it,” Ojeda says, promoting universal health care and other investments he thinks the government should make in West Virginia.

In Omaha, Nebraska, and its surrounding suburbs, Democrat Kara Eastman echoes Ojeda’s policy

check list — Medicare for all and a \$15 minimum wage — but does it as a nonprofit executive who focuses her efforts on younger, female and first-time voters. She’s running against Rep. Don Bacon in a district Trump won by just 2 points but where the GOP has held the House seat for 22 of the last 24 years.

To win, these Democratic candidates will need some combination of voters who typically back Republicans or who haven’t been voting at all.

For Pureval, that means coaxing Jeff Sieger, 56, a Republican who met the candidate at a summer festival and came away impressed. Sieger says he’s happy with Trump but thinks Congress could use younger members “who know what’s going on” with digital-age issues like net neutrality.

It also could mean steering away from hot-button issues, such as abortion, that remind some GOP-leaning voters why they usually don’t support Democrats.

“That’s going to be an albatross around his neck,” Tom Grossmann said of Pureval’s support of abortion rights in GOP-dominated Warren County, added to Chabot’s district after 2010. Grossmann, a county commissioner and former county GOP chairman, chatted amiably with Pureval while the Democrat worked his way through a music festival crowd in the affluent suburb of Mason.

Chabot already has called Pureval “the most extreme pro-abortion candidate I’ve ever faced.”

Still, Chabot acknowledged in a recent blog post that his opponent “is raising a lot of money” and that some national prognosticators have rated the race a toss-up. Chabot asked “for any help you can give me” to defeat what he calls a “far-left” foe.

Pureval, meanwhile, ran his first campaign commercial last week, opening: “I’m incredibly proud of my name — Aftab. It means ‘sunshine.’” □



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## Nebraska set for execution after about-face on death penalty

By GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) —

Three years after Nebraska lawmakers voted to abolish capital punishment, the state is preparing to carry out its first execution since 1997 on Tuesday in a bewildering about-face driven largely by the state's Republican governor.

Gov. Pete Ricketts, a wealthy former businessman, helped finance a ballot drive to reinstate capital punishment after lawmakers overrode his veto in 2015. His administration then changed Nebraska's lethal injection protocol to overcome challenges in purchasing the necessary drugs and withheld records previously considered public that would identify the state's supplier.

"It wouldn't even have made it to the ballot without him," said Matt Maly, an anti-death penalty activist who has joined daily protests outside the governor's residence. "To get something on the ballot takes a lot of money and resources. Nobody else would have cared enough."

Ricketts argued last week that he was fulfilling the wishes of voters who opted to overturn the Legislature's decision in the 2016 general election. He said he views capital punishment as a matter of protecting public safety and an important tool for law enforcement, despite his Catholic faith and the recent statements by Pope Francis that the death penalty is unacceptable in all cases.

"The people of Nebraska spoke loud and clear that they wanted to retain capital punishment as part of our overall state laws to protect public safety," he said. "Our job is to carry that out."

Nebraska prison officials are preparing to execute Carey Dean Moore, one of the nation's longest-serving inmates, for the 1979 shooting deaths of Omaha cab drivers Maynard Helgeland and Reuel Van Ness Jr.

The 60-year-old Moore, who has had execution dates set seven previous times, has stopped fighting the state's efforts to execute him, but two drug companies have filed legal challenges to prevent the state from using what they say may be their drugs.

Drugmaker Sandoz Inc. also filed a motion to intervene on Saturday, but that won't prevent the execution from moving forward.

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is fighting the companies' efforts because one of the four drugs used in the state's execution protocol, potassium chloride, expires on Aug. 31. The state corrections director said last week that prison officials won't be able to purchase more supplies of the drug because no companies are willing to sell to the department, including its previous supplier.

Nebraska last carried out an execution in 1997, using the electric chair. The state has never conducted a lethal injection. And on Tuesday, it plans to use a com-



This file photo provided by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services shows death-row inmate Carey Dean Moore. Nebraska prison officials are preparing to execute Moore on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, for the 1979 murders of two Omaha cab drivers.

bination of four drugs that has never been tried. Lawmakers abolished capital punishment in 2015, when they voted by the narrowest margin possible, 30-19, to override the then-first-year governor's veto. Some legislators expressed doubt at the time that Nebraska would carry out an execution ever again because of costly legal challenges, prompting Ricketts to ask for more time to set one in motion. His administration went so far as to pay an India-based middleman \$54,000 for drugs — that the state never received — because they couldn't be legally imported. The state money was never repaid.

After lawmakers overrode his veto, Ricketts contributed \$300,000 of his own money to a petition drive organized by several close associates to place the issue on the November 2016 general election ballot. The governor's father, TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts, also donated \$100,000 to the Nebraskans for the Death Penalty campaign. Nebraskans for the Death Penalty raised a total of \$1.3 million for the effort, but was outspent by a death penalty opposition group that received nearly \$2.7 million. Even so, the reinstatement measure won support from 61 percent of voters.

Death penalty supporters said the Legislature's vote was a fluke that didn't represent the will of voters in the overwhelmingly conservative state. Some moderate, Republican lawmakers who previously voiced support for capital punishment but then voted to repeal it lost their seats in the 2016 election after Ricketts endorsed their opponents. "The public (in Nebraska) has always agreed with the death penalty — always," said state Sen. Mike Groene, an outspoken supporter of capital punishment. "I'm not the outlier here, and neither is the governor." □

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## State probe finds immigrant teens not currently being abused

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A state review into the treatment of immigrant teens held at a Virginia detention center confirmed the facility uses restraint techniques that can include strapping children to chairs and placing mesh bags over their heads.

Investigators concluded the current treatment of detainees at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center did not meet the state's legal threshold of abuse or neglect, according to a copy of the findings issued Monday by the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and obtained by The Associated Press.

But a top state regulator conceded in an interview that investigators did not attempt to determine whether serious allegations of past abuse at the locally run facility are true.

Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the review in June, hours after the AP published first-person accounts by children as young as 14 who said they were handcuffed, shackled and beaten at the facility. They also described being stripped of their clothes and locked in solitary confinement, sometimes strapped to chairs with bags over their heads. The incidents are described in sworn statements from six Latino teens included in a class-action lawsuit filed in November and are alleged to have occurred from 2015 to 2018, under both the Obama and Trump administrations. The teens who made those initial complaints were subsequently transferred by federal au-



In this June 20, 2018 file photo, the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center is shown in Staunton, Va. **Associated Press**

thorities to other facilities or deported to their home countries.

Angela C. Valentine, the chief deputy director of the state juvenile justice agency, said Monday that investigators interviewed only the 22 who were being held at the facility in late June, following the AP's report. She said the investigators were not permitted to review the case files or medical records of past detainees who say they were abused.

The legal advocacy group representing the Latino teens suing the facility called the state's review "deeply flawed" and said the investigators never contacted them or asked to speak to their clients.

"The children in this facility are denied necessary mental health care and subjected to abusive conditions," said Jonathan Smith,

executive director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. "We look forward to proving our case in court."

Though incarcerated in a facility similar to a prison, the children detained on administrative immigration charges have not been convicted of any crime. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement oversees the care of immigrant children held in federal custody.

The regulators did make several recommendations to improve current conditions inside the facility, including hiring more bilingual staff, expanding "culturally relevant programming" and improving screening to provide care for detainees who suffer from mental health issues. The state also said administrators should consider new furniture and fresh paint

to make the jail-like facility "more developmentally appropriate."

Northam issued a statement applauding his administration's "quick and comprehensive examination."

"I take these allegations very seriously and directed members of my administration to immediately look into these claims of abuse and mistreatment," he said. "The safety of every child being held there is of the utmost importance."

The Shenandoah lockup is one of only three juvenile detention facilities in the United States with federal contracts to provide "secure placement" for immigrant children who had problems at less-restrictive housing.

On average, 92 immigrant children annually cycle through the facility nestled in the mountains outside

Staunton, most of them from Mexico and Central America. The locally managed commission that runs the center received \$4.2 million in federal funds last year to house children ages 12 to 17 facing deportation proceedings or awaiting rulings on asylum claims.

Of the 22 federal detainees currently held at Shenandoah in June, three told investigators they had experienced abusive behavior by staff. According to the state report, local child protective services investigators reviewed those complaints and determined they "did not meet the legal definition of abuse or neglect."

The state investigators were only allowed to interview the federal detainees while a member of the facility's staff was in the room. They also reviewed case files, medical records and other documents related to the current detainees, but were barred from making copies or keeping handwritten notes.

Shenandoah deputy director Timothy Showalter issued a statement Monday that promoted the state's findings as an exoneration. "The report confirms our long-standing dedication to being a well-run facility that treats our residents with respect and dignity," the facility's statement said. A spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the federal refugee resettlement responsible for housing detained immigrant children, said the agency treats any allegation of abuse "with the utmost seriousness." □





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## Drenching rains close roads, prompt rescues in Pennsylvania

By **MATT ROURKE**  
Associated Press

**DARBY, Pa. (AP)** — Heavy rains triggered flash flooding in parts of central and eastern Pennsylvania on Monday, closing down a heavily traveled interstate and sending water into homes in the mountainous coal regions.

State highway and emergency management officials reported numerous closed roads in a wide swath of the state from Williamsport to the Philadelphia suburbs, and some motorists had to be rescued.

Hazel Coles said water rose so quickly at her home in Darby, outside Philadelphia, that she had to evacuate through a window. She said there was about 3 feet of water on her street, and some people had to be evacuated by boat. She said the Red Cross was helping displaced residents.

"It's just crazy," she said. "I thank God it wasn't worse." The National Weather Service in State College said there were numerous reports of 6 inches of rain or more in Schuylkill and Columbia counties.

Police in Bloomsburg set off a mandatory evacuation siren late Monday afternoon for a few hundred people in the west end of town after Fishing Creek came out of its banks and was rising rapidly.

Columbia County emergency official Dave Witchey said a fire hall in Berwick was accepting evacuees, and another shelter may be opened if



Flood waters surround homes along West Main Street in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.

necessary.

Bloomsburg, a town of 15,000 residents about 130 miles (209 kilometers) northwest of Philadelphia, evacuated some residents about a month ago over high waters on Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River.

"If it keeps coming up, it could be a lot worse," said Bloomsburg Mayor William Kreisher, who said a state-of-emergency declaration was being prepared.

National Weather Service meteorologist Aaron Tyburski said the latest downpours followed weeks of a stalled weather pattern that is drawing moisture

from the Atlantic Ocean, hitting some communities repeatedly.

"It's been quite a rough go for them over the past three weeks," Tyburski said. In the Benton area north of Bloomsburg, three helicopters with a group run by the National Guard and the state Fish and Boat Commission performed about 10 rescues, including people plucked from the roofs of their homes, according to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

The agency also said that in Columbia County a helicopter team rescued nine people off of roofs, three of

which were children.

High water in Port Carbon caused some evacuations and prompted firefighters to launch rescue boats and rafts. Parts of Pottsville were inundated, and three shelters were set up.

Schuylkill County emergency management director John Matz said water levels were starting to fall by early afternoon Monday and officials were making plans to assess the damage. He said the recent flooding could have caused more damage than the high water that hit the county a few weeks ago and affected several hundred structures. "The difference now is,

once we hit the center part of the county, it's a more populated area," Matz said.

In the Philadelphia area, the Schuylkill Expressway was closed in both directions at the busy King of Prussia Mall exit. The waters affected dozens of stores and a parking garage at the mall.

Upper Darby and Montgomery County police reported numerous rescues of people trapped in cars by flooding.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning and urged people not to drive through flooded roads.

Gov. Tom Wolf activated the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center on Monday morning and the National Guard was notified to be ready to help, if needed.

The forecast calls for storms to continue and cause flooding in the southcentral, northcentral and eastern parts of the state through Wednesday. □





# UK Labour leader under fire over Palestinian wreath-laying

By JILL LAWLESS

**LONDON (AP)** — British opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, who is facing allegations of enabling anti-Semitism, acknowledged Monday that he was present at a wreath-laying to Palestinians allegedly linked to the murder of 11 Israelis at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

But the Labour Party leader said "I don't think I was actually involved" in laying the wreath.

The left-wing politician — a longtime critic of Israel's treatment of Palestinians — has been facing mounting criticism since the Daily Mail published photos of Corbyn holding a wreath in a Tunis cemetery in 2014, near what the newspaper said were graves of Black September members. The Palestinian militant group carried out the kidnapping and massacre at the Munich games. Several members were later killed by Israel's Mossad intelligence agency.

Corbyn has previously said



In this Monday, April 23, 2018 file photo, Britain's opposition Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn arrives to attend a Memorial Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London.

Associated Press

he was at the cemetery to commemorate the victims of a 1985 Israeli air attack on Palestinian Liberation Organization offices in Tunis.

On Monday, he acknowledged a wreath had also

been laid to "those that were killed in Paris in 1992." PLO official Atef Bseiso, whom Israel has accused of helping to plan the Munich Olympic attack, was gunned down outside a Paris hotel that year.

"I was present when it was laid. I don't think I was actually involved in it," Corbyn told reporters. "I was there because I wanted to see a fitting memorial to everyone who has died in every terrorist incident every-

where because we have to end it."

The statement is unlikely to quell criticism from Jewish groups and Labour members who say Corbyn has allowed anti-Semitism to spread in the party.

"Being 'present' is the same as being involved. ... Where is the apology?" tweeted Labour lawmaker Luciana Berger.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted that "the laying of a wreath by Jeremy Corbyn on the graves of the terrorist who perpetrated the Munich massacre and his comparison of Israel to the Nazis deserves unequivocal condemnation from everyone — left, right and everything in between." Corbyn responded on Twitter that Netanyahu's "claims about my actions and words are false." The Labour Party said Corbyn "did not lay any wreath at the graves of those alleged to have been linked to the Black September organization or the 1972 Munich killings." □

# Israel detains prominent Jewish-American critic at airport

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — A prominent Jewish-American commentator who has been critical of Israel's policies said Monday that he was detained by Israeli airport authorities and interrogated about his political views before he was allowed to enter the country. The questioning of Peter Beinart was the latest in a string of incidents in which Jewish critics of Israel have been interrogated about their politics by border officials. The Israeli government called the incident a mistake.

Beinart, a contributor to The Atlantic, CNN and the Israeli daily Haaretz, considers himself a supporter of Israel, but has been an outspoken critic of the government's hard-line policies toward the Palestinians and close alliance with President Donald Trump.

He has warned of a growing rift between Israel and the predominantly liberal



In this June 21, 2012 file photo, prominent Jewish-American commentator Peter Beinart speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Jerusalem.

Associated Press

Jewish-American community, and said that Israel must establish a Palestinian state to ensure its survival as a Jewish-majority democracy. Such views are shared by many on Israel's political left.

In an interview, Beinart said he was pulled aside when he arrived with his family on Sunday to attend a relative's bat mitzvah.

Beinart said he was sent to a small room where a security official asked about his political activities and whether he was involved in groups that advocate violence, threaten democracy or promote anarchy. Beinart said he was then asked about his participation in a nonviolent West Bank protest two years ago. He said the interview

ended after he said he would not be joining any protests on his current visit. He was released after calling a well-known Israeli human rights lawyer. In all, he said he was held for over an hour.

Beinart called his experience "trivial" when compared to the experiences of others, particularly Palestinians and Palestinian Americans who travel through Israel's main international airport.

"My hope would be that this provokes a conversation more generally about the way in which Israel harasses people based on their political views," he said. "The real scandal is what happens to people who are much more vulnerable than me because they don't have the privilege that I have as an American Jew."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said that upon learning of Beinart's detention he immediately

asked Israeli security officials what happened and was told it was an "administrative mistake."

"Israel is an open society which welcomes all - critics and supporters alike," his office said. "Israel is the only country in the Middle East where people voice their opinions freely and robustly."

The Shin Bet internal security service apologized for causing any anguish and said it was investigating.

In recent weeks, a left-wing Israeli author who lives in the U.S. said he was detained at the airport for a "cautionary conversation" about his political activities, while two Jewish-American women involved in Israeli left-wing causes were questioned about their political work with Palestinians while entering the country from Egypt.

Israel has also begun enforcing a ban on foreign activists who support boycotts of the country. □



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## Pakistan's newly elected parliament meets for the 1st time

By **MUNIR AHMED**

**ZARAR KHAN**

**ISLAMABAD (AP)** — Pakistan's newly elected parliament convened Monday for the first time since last month's general elections that saw the party of former cricket star turned politician Imran Khan win most seats, propelling him toward the post of the country's next prime minister.

The lawmakers were sworn in at a brief ceremony in the 342-seat National Assembly, the decision-making lower house of parliament. Later on Monday, fireworks were to mark the eve of Pakistan's Independence Day.

The parliament is to elect a speaker and his deputy on Wednesday and vote on the prime minister the following day. The swearing-in ceremony for the prime minister is due Saturday.

Khan's populist Tahreek-e-Insaf party won 115 seats in the July 25 vote, requiring it to form a coalition.

In the days after the elections, party spokesman Fawad Chaudhry said more lawmakers joined the party's ranks and that it now enjoys the backing of 180 parliament members after several women lawmakers, minority and independents sided with Khan. He needs 172 lawmaker votes to be become prime minister.



Pakistan's newly elected lawmaker and former president of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, arrives to attend the first session of lower house parliament in Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.  
Associated Press

Khan's candidate for parliament speaker, Asad Qaiser, said he was pretty sure of winning the post.

Khan has campaigned on the promise of a "New Pakistan" with justice for all, pledging to wipe out corruption and help the poor. He has said he would run the country like it has never been run before, though some of his popular and influential backers, who joined his party weeks before the elections, have questionable pasts and

some of them even face charges.

The 65-year-old Khan has also promised to create 10 million jobs in Pakistan, where employment rate is high and more than 65 percent of the country's 200 million people are under the age of 35.

Since the elections, Khan has adopted a conciliatory approach to Pakistan's neighbors and allies, saying he wants peace with hostile neighbor India, praising China's economic strategy

for reducing widespread poverty and sending a message to Washington that he wants good relations, based on mutual respect. He also reached out to Afghanistan, suggesting the two nations adopt a policy of open borders, a relationship similar to the European Union. Khan has also disparaged liberals, attacked feminism, embraced radical religious parties and vowed to uphold Pakistan's blasphemy law.

He enjoys the support of the

country's powerful military establishment, although he has been known to go his own way.

As he entered parliament on Monday, lawmakers from his party chanted slogans praising Khan. Pakistan's former President Asif Ali Zardari and head of the ex-ruling Pakistan Muslim League party, Shahbaz Sharif, both elected lawmakers, also attended Monday's ceremony. Khan avoided shaking hands with the two.

The house echoed with chants of "Long Live Bhutto!" when the young chairman of Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari came to sign the register after taking his oath of office. It was the first time that the son of slain Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was elected as lawmaker.

Pakistan's opposition parties and rights activists have claimed election results were manipulated by the military, which has ruled Pakistan directly or indirectly for most of its history. The military denies the allegations, saying it only provided security during the balloting. The Pakistan Muslim League party has claimed the elections were rigged to prevent disgraced former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif from returning to power. □



# Malaysia's Mahathir aims to scrap China deals

By ADAM SCHRECK

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP)

— Malaysia is looking to cancel multibillion-dollar Chinese-backed infrastructure projects signed by the previous scandal-tainted government as it digs itself out of debt, Malaysia's prime minister said Monday during an extensive interview in which he also blasted Myanmar's treatment of Rohingya Muslims as "grossly unjust."

Mahathir Mohamad, at 93 the world's oldest prime minister, spoke with The Associated Press days before he heads to Beijing for his first visit since returning to power in a stunning electoral upset three months ago.

Mahathir said he wants to maintain good relations with China and welcomes its investment, so long as the projects benefit Malaysia. But he took his toughest stance yet on Chinese-backed energy pipelines and a rail project along peninsular Malaysia's eastern coast that were struck by his predecessor, Najib Razak.

The former prime minister, who remains in parliament but is barred from leaving the country, faces trial on multiple charges related to the alleged multibillion-dollar looting of the 1MDB state investment fund. He denies wrongdoing.

"We don't think we need those two projects. We don't think they are viable. So if we can, we would like to just drop the projects," he said from his office in the administrative center of Putrajaya.

During his time in power, Najib drew Malaysia closer to China, which sees the multiethnic Southeast Asian country as a key part of its ambitious One Belt, One Road global trade initiative. The former prime minister reached deals for the 688-kilometer (430-mile) East Coast Rail Link and the two gas pipelines in 2016.

Malaysia's new government has already suspended work on the projects, being built by Chinese state-backed companies,



Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad listens during an interview with The Associated Press in Putrajaya, Malaysia, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.

Associated Press

and called for drastic cuts in their ballooning cost, which it estimates at more than \$22 billion. Some of that money has already been paid and could be difficult to recoup.

If scrapping the projects altogether isn't doable, Malaysia will need to at least put them on hold until the future, Mahathir said.

Mahathir also urged China to respect the free movement of ships throughout the South China Sea and reiterated his call for no warships to be based there. China and multiple Southeast Asian nations including Malaysia have competing claims on South China Sea islands and reefs — along with the rich fishing grounds and potential fossil fuel deposits around them.

"We are all for ships, even warships, passing through, but not stationed here," Mahathir said, adding that this included U.S. vessels. "It is a warning to everyone. Don't create tension unnecessarily."

China, which considers much of the sea as its own, has built up several man-made islands and equipped them with runways, radar systems and missile stations to defend its claims. It has accused

the U.S., which routinely deploys warships and planes to the sea, of meddling in a purely Asian dispute. Chinese ships also patrol the sea.

Mahathir was scathing in his criticism of Myanmar, a country whose inclusion into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations he had pushed for in 1997 despite concerns over human rights abuses and protests by the U.S.

"It is grossly unjust to do what they have done, killing people, mass murder. That's not the way civilized nations behave," he said.

The previous government of predominantly Muslim Malaysia strongly supported the Rohingya, a persecuted minority in Myanmar who have fled by the hundreds of thousands to neighboring Bangladesh after a crackdown last year that some have called ethnic cleansing. Malaysia has said the displacement of Rohingya is no longer a domestic issue for Myanmar, in a rare departure from ASEAN's non-interference policy in each other's affairs.

Mahathir added that he was "very disappointed" in Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's failure to halt the

persecution.

"Obviously she appears to be with the government of the day on how they treat the Rohingya. It's a question of justice and human rights. You can't do that," he said.

He stopped short of committing Malaysia to taking in more Rohingya refugees, however, saying the 7 million legal and undocumented foreigners he said Malaysia already hosts are "far too many."

A doctor by training, Mahathir is a larger-than-life figure in Malaysia. His influence has dominated the country's politics from the Cold War into the new millennium.

His first turn as prime minister stretched for 22 years, coming to an end only in 2003. He rose to prominence by controversially championing the country's indigenous Malays, whom he saw as disadvantaged compared to the country's Chinese minority, and he oversaw the rapid development of his young country while concentrating power under his increasingly autocratic rule.

Mahathir long seemed to relish his role as an antagonist to the West. He frequently criticized the U.S.

and its close allies — often with colorful and at times offensive language — while promoting what he saw as Asian values and interests.

A longtime champion of Palestinian causes, he doubled down Monday when asked about his record of comments seen as anti-Semitic, saying that "we should be able to criticize everybody" while assailing laws denying the scale of the Holocaust.

"Anti-Semitic is a term that is invented to prevent people from criticizing the Jews for doing wrong things," he said.

Mahathir's criticism of Western leaders has extended to U.S. President Donald Trump, whom he described as an "erratic man" during an AP interview last year.

His return to office hasn't tempered that opinion.

"So far he has not indicated that I should change my views," he said of Trump on Monday. "He changes his mind within 24 hours. I mean it is difficult to deal with any person whose mind is not made up."

Still, Malaysia would continue to welcome American investment, particularly in high-tech sectors, he said, as he promised tax breaks and other incentives.

Mahathir was sharp during the interview and looked surprisingly youthful considering his age and history of heart problems.

If his legacy is weighing on him, he didn't let it show.

"Frankly I don't care. I won't be around," he said, chuckling, when asked how history would judge him. "When I am dead, it doesn't matter anymore."

He has previously vowed to hand over power to former foe-turned ally Anwar Ibrahim, who in May was freed from custody over a sodomy conviction he says was politically motivated, within two years. Mahathir insists he will keep that promise — though he now seems to be giving himself a little wiggle room. "I expect to be (in office) at least two years," he said Monday. And could he stay longer? "If Anwar agrees." □





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# Now with power to long rule China, Xi beset by challenges

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — As China's leaders gather for their annual Yellow Sea retreat, the country's political waters are looking choppy. Chinese President and ruling Communist Party leader Xi Jinping is beset by economic, foreign policy and domestic political challenges just months after clearing his way to rule for as long as he wants as China's most dominant leader since Mao Zedong. Mounting criticism of the Xi administration's policies has exposed the risks he faces from amassing so much power: He's made himself a natural target for blame. "Having concentrated power, Xi is responsible for all policy setbacks and policy failures," said Joseph Cheng, a retired City University of Hong Kong professor and long-time observer of Chinese politics. Notably, Xi used to dominate state-run newspapers' front pages and the state broadcaster CCTV's news bulletins on a daily basis but has in recent weeks made fewer public appearances. "He can't shift the blame, so he's responding by taking a lower profile," Cheng said. The challenges so far aren't seen as a threat to Xi's grip on power, but for many Chinese, the government's credibility is on the line. Of greatest concern to many is the trade war with the U.S. that threatens higher tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese exports. Critics say they've yet to see a coherent strategy from Beijing that could guide negotiations with Washington and avoid a major blow to the economy. Beijing instead seems to be opting for



In this June 8, 2018, file photo, Chinese President Xi Jinping attends a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Associated Press

defiance and retaliatory measures of its own. Both the stock market and the currency have weakened in response and the Communist Party itself conceded at a meeting last month that external factors were weighing heavily on economic growth. At the same time, a scandal over vaccines has reignited long-held fears over the integrity of the health care industry and the government's ability to police the sprawling firms that dominate the economy. "Trust is the most important thing and a loss of public confidence in the government could be devastating," said Zhang Ming, a retired professor of political science in Beijing. And last week, the authorities mobilized a massive security effort to squelch a planned protest in Beijing over the sudden collapse of hundreds of peer-to-peer borrowing schemes that underscore the government's inability

to reform the finance system to cater to small investors. Meanwhile, Xi's signature project, the trillion-dollar "Belt and Road" initiative to build investment and infrastructure links with 65 nations, is running into headwinds over sticker shock among the countries involved. Some Chinese have also questioned the wisdom of sending vast sums abroad at a time when millions of Chinese remain mired in poverty. That in part plays into concerns over Xi's abandonment of the highly pragmatic, low-key cautious approach to foreign relations advocated by Deng Xiaoping, the architect of China's economic reforms that laid the groundwork for today's relative prosperity. Leaders are likely to discuss at least some of these challenges during informal discussions at the Beidaihe resort in Hebei province as part of a tradition begun under Mao. Xi and others

generally drop out of sight for two weeks or more during the summer session. Xi's mildly bombastic brand of Chinese triumphalism "has not been popular with many in the party," leading critics to speak out, said Steve Tsang, director of the China Institute at London's School of Oriental and African Studies. Some have even called for the sacking of one

prominent proponent of the rising China theme, Tsinghua University economist Hu Angang, with 27 graduates of the elite institution signing a letter to that effect. Resentment lingers also over Xi's moves to consolidate power, including pushing through the removal of presidential term limits in March and establishing a burgeoning cult of personality. That resentment was given voice in a lengthy jeremiad titled "Imminent Fears, Imminent Hopes" penned by Tsinghua University law professor Xu Zhangrun, who warned that, "Yet again people throughout China ... are feeling a sense of uncertainty, a mounting anxiety in relation both to the direction the country is taking as well as in regard to their personal security." "These anxieties have generated something of a nationwide panic," Xu continued before listing eight areas of concern including stricter controls over ideology, repression of the intelligentsia, excessive foreign aid and "The End of Reform and the Return of Totalitarianism." □

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# Mexico's president-elect proposes Cancun-Palenque train

By **MARK STEVENSON**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's president-elect wants to bring tourism revenues to remote and forgotten stretches of Mexico, but some are scratching their heads at his main proposal: to build a \$3.2 billion train that would run from the resort of Cancun to the Mayan ruins of Palenque, 520 miles (830 kilometers) across the Yucatan peninsula.

The route is dotted by low jungle, wildlife reserves, pre-Hispanic archaeological sites, wetlands and underground rivers that can suddenly cave in. It would take years to build, and soak up scarce money, just to reach ruin sites like Calakmul, which now gets only about 35,000 visitors a year — the number better-known sites like Chichen Itza have in a week.

For those who like the plan proposed by Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, it's all about getting people off the beaten track — the heavily travelled tourism route of Cancun-Riviera Maya-Chichen Itza-Xcaret visited by millions of tourists per year.

"Tourists today prefer other types of tourism projects that are more in contact with nature. ... They are showing less interest in the



In this Aug. 3, 2018 photo, tourists walk at the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

coast," said Vicente Ferreyra, a Cancun-based consultant whose Sustentur company specializes in sustainable tourism. "They are turning more toward the jungle, and there is an opportunity to diversify for markets that don't just want sun and sand."

So, imagine if you could hop on a train at the Cancun airport and step off two hours later in one of the communities at the edge of the Sian Ka'an nature reserve, south of Tulum, where the coast turns into

lagoons and mangroves. Villages like Muyil are offering tours such as floating down fresh-water canals dug by the Mayas, visiting local pre-Hispanic ruins, seeing local craftsmen and sampling regional foods.

Few doubt that the first stretch of proposed train — from Cancun through the Riviera Maya to Tulum — would be heavily used. Almost 7 million international tourists visit this stretch of coast every year, many of them arriving at the Cancun airport and then taking

buses or driving down the coast.

While resorts have been popping up south of Cancun since the 1990s, most hotel workers still live in Cancun, which was founded in 1974. So huge numbers of tourism workers could also use the train to get to their jobs, a trip that can currently take them an hour and a half or more.

But it's not clear whether the train would have stops at Playa del Carmen or other busy resorts that would be destinations for the tour-

ists and workers. The initial plan shows it making its only Maya Riviera stop in Tulum before heading farther south.

It is the second, southern stretch from Tulum to the unpicturesque Maya town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto, just southwest of the Sian Ka'an environmental reserve, then on to Bacalar, the state capital of Chetumal, Calakmul and Palenque that raises more questions. Some see it as an expensive folly. There is little developed tourism infrastructure until one gets around the Bacalar fresh-water lagoon. And the route from there west is practically undeveloped.

"The biggest doubt (about the southern leg) is regarding the profitability of the project, based on tourism flows," said Francisco Madrid Flores, director of the Tourism and Gastronomy Department at Mexico's Anahuac University. "In southern Campeche, where Calakmul is, there are practically no hotel rooms."

That's not to say that Mayan communities there don't have something to offer tourists beyond sites such as Calakmul, a sprawling ancient Maya city-state almost completely covered in low jungle. □

Associated Press

## Ex-Gitmo detainee now selling sweets in Uruguay capital

Associated Press

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)** — A bit of sweetness has entered the life of at least one of the men formerly held at the U.S. Guantanamo Bay prison camp. Ahmed Ahjam opened a small stall selling Arabic pastries Monday at a public market in the Uruguayan capital, passing out free samples of cellophane-wrapped ma'amul to supporters, local officials and potential customers.

Ahjam is one of six former detainees accepted by Uruguay in 2014 after U.S. authorities decided they posed no threat but

couldn't be sent to their homelands.

Ahjam spent a dozen years imprisoned at Guantanamo, and like the other five detainees here, he has struggled to adapt to the South American country. But the former jeweler from Syria learned to make sweets such as baklava with recipes from his sisters and has been earning money selling them at fairs and private events.

A city development agency helped him open the stall at the Mercado Agrícola, a historic covered market with nearly 100 shops.

"Many thanks to all the Uru-

guayans who are helping me.

"I'm going to work hard to fulfill this dream," he said as he cut the ribbon on the stand. Montevideo's Mayor Daniel Martinez and officials who have aided the former detainees attended.

Ahjam is the only one of the six — four Syrians, a Palestinian and a Tunisian — who has managed to find a regular job in the country of 3.2 million people.

The government has been giving the men a stipend of about \$420 a month and covering their rent, as well as offering job and lan-



Syrian Ahmed Ahjam hands out samples at the opening of his Middle Eastern pastry shop at the Mercado Agrícola in Montevideo, Uruguay, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018.

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guage training. But the aid is due to run out at the end of this year.

The most discontented of the group, Abu Wa'el Dhiab, left Uruguay in late

June and went to Turkey, according to Christian Mirza, the government's liaison with the ex-detainees. He said he wasn't sure where Dhiab was now. □



# LOCAL



## August is Water Quality Month



**August is the time of year when many people are enjoying the last bits of summer recreational activities involving water. But these bodies of water are threatened by increasing water pollution.**

The Clean Water Act was passed in 1972 but most people are unaware of the

little ways they can pollute their water. Water sustains all life and entire ecosystems depend on it for their survival. Water Quality Month reminds us to take a long, hard look at what your household and community are doing to protect sources of fresh water.

### The History of Water Quality

### Month

The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 an International Decade for Action "Water for Life" in order to emphasize the importance of water quality as it relates to sanitation, human rights, geography, urbanization and sustainability. Emphasizing how interlinked water systems are, the Au-

dobon Society points to the dangers of runoff from agriculture, forestry, construction and people's personal yards. Each individual household may not produce enough pollution to force a beach closing or cause a fish kill, but the combined output of all the homes in a community can be severe.

### How to Celebrate Water Quality Month

What can individuals and families do to prevent water pollution from their homes especially during Water Quality Month? Here's a short list of things that you can do at home to help.

- Not using antibacterial soaps or cleaning products. Regular soap and water will do the trick. Much of the antibacterial soaps contain a registered pesticide that is known to harm marine life.

- Not flushing unwanted or out-of-date medications down the toilet or drain.

- Not putting anything but

water down storm drains because they carry water to local waterways.

- Fixing leaks that drop from cars and putting liners in driveways to collect oil and other materials.

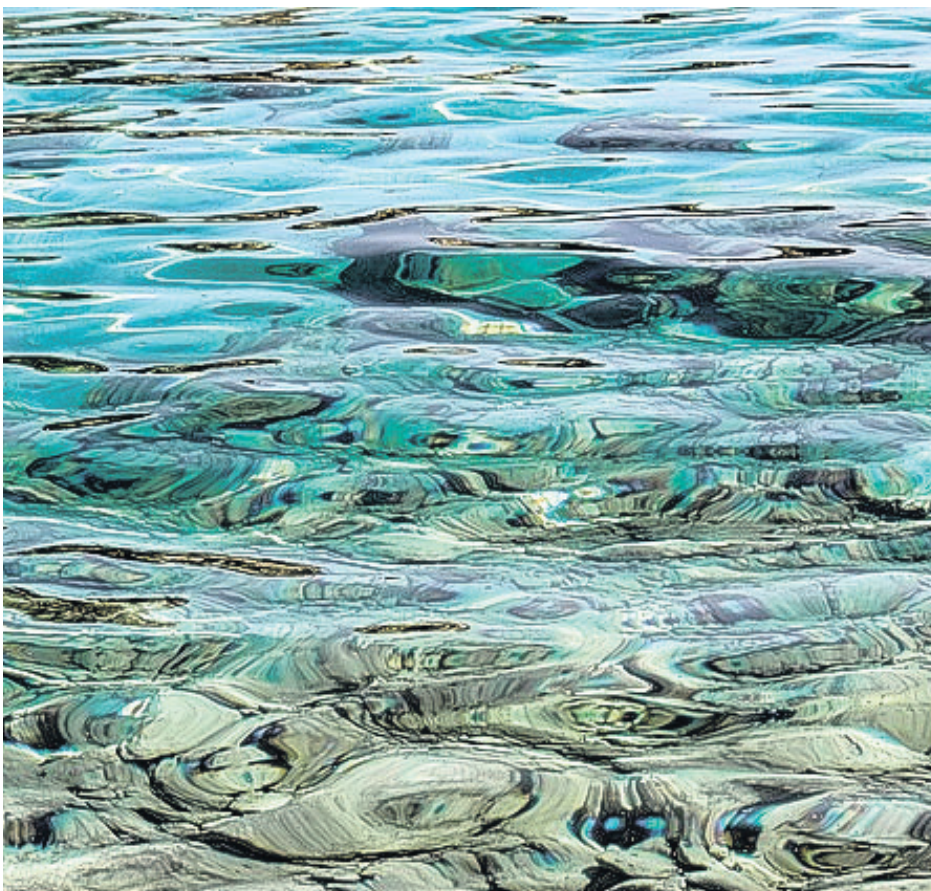
- Avoid using pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

- Choose nontoxic household products when possible.

- Pick up after pets.

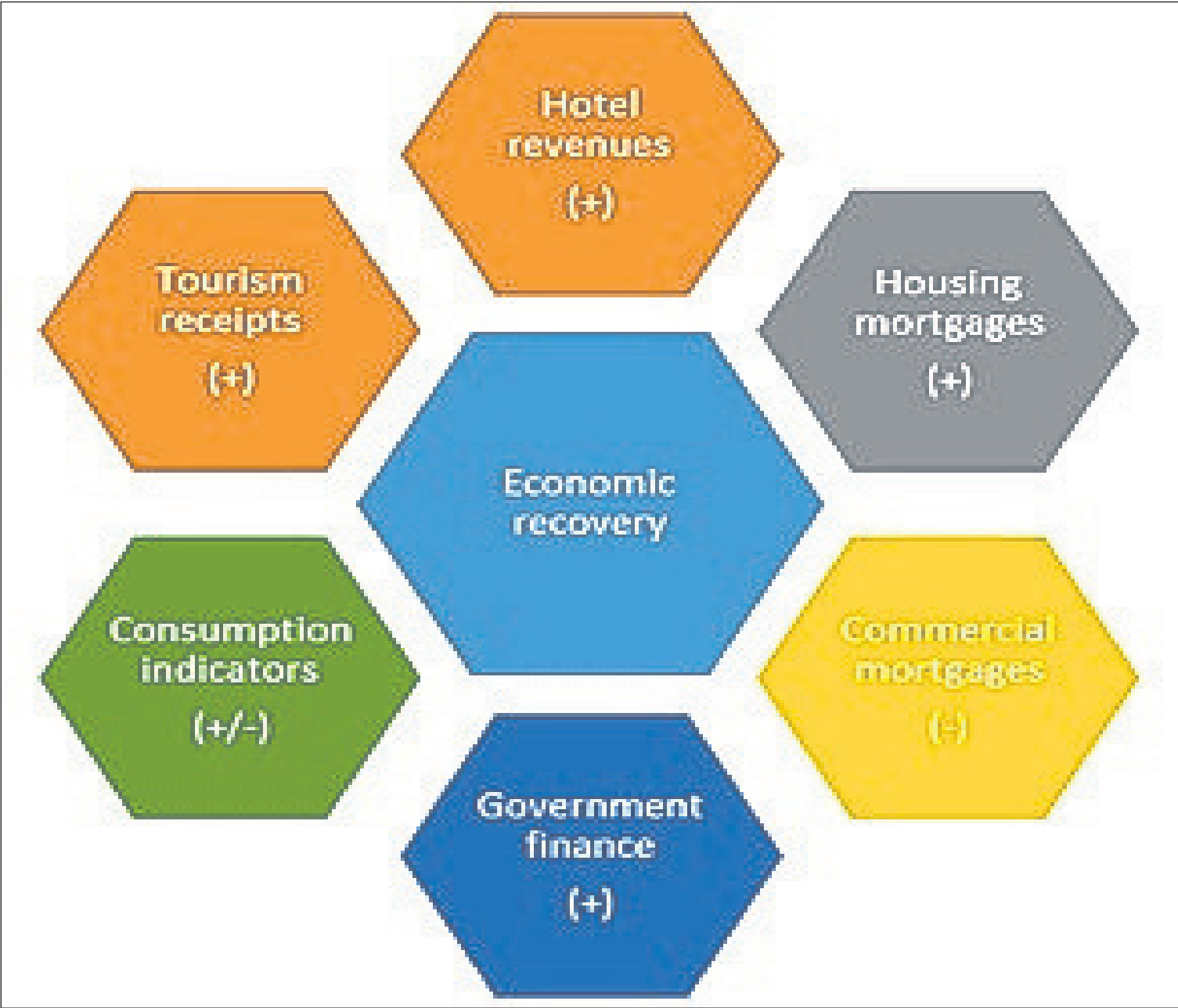
- Not paving properties.

- Another option could be to gather a group of family, friends, and neighbors and volunteer to clean a local water source. You could bring a picnic (and some beer for the adults) and hold a contest to see who can clean up the most trash and debris, offering a prize to the winning team. It's a great way to get everyone together and enjoy an outdoor day full of fun and good-doing! ☐





# Slightly improving government finances



contraction in consumption, with across-the-board declines in all components, but primarily in personal loans. Consumer sentiments improved somewhat in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the previous quarter, but consumers remained pessimistic. Government finances improved slightly, illustrated by a decline of the fiscal deficit and a stable debt ratio. The smaller deficit was the result of an increase in government revenues, driven in large part by ongoing efforts to increase compliance and arrear collection, which outpaced the growth in expenditures. Government debt increased by Afl. 8.7 million during the first three months of 2018. Consequently, the debt-to-GDP ratio stood at 85.8 percent at the end of the period. Notwithstanding the marginal improvement in the financial situation of the government, the government must continue its efforts towards strengthening the fundamentals.

Finally, the level of net foreign assets increased by 3.3 percent during the first quarter of 2018, remaining well above the critical norms monitored by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the CBA.

The complete publication is available on the CBA's website ([www.cbaruba.org](http://www.cbaruba.org)). □

**ORANJESTAD —** Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) publishes the State of the Economy of the first quarter of 2018. This publication provides a synopsis of the local and international economic developments of this period. The highlights hereof are presented below, including a summary of main economic indicators.

In the first quarter of 2018, the tourism sector was once again the main engine of the Aruban economy. The U.S. market was the key driver for the growth in stay-over visitors, as it has been during the last four quarters. Meanwhile, cruise tourism also had a

strong performance. Preliminary tourism receipts figures show an 11.2 percent growth. Moreover, the average hotel occupancy rate and the revenues per available room were substantially higher than in the corresponding period of 2017.

were ambiguous during the first quarter of 2018. Tax revenues increased significantly, due to higher receipts for turnover tax and import duties. Part of this increase was the result of improved compliance and import inspections. On the other hand, consumer credit extended by commercial banks indicated a

Table: Main economic indicators first quarter of 2018

Indicator	2017Q1	2018Q1	Change
Hotel revenue per available room (US\$)	301	333	32
Stay-over visitors (number)	263,565	274,955	11,390
Cruise visitors (number)	280,923	308,838	27,915
Construction permits (Afl. million)	102.3	95.8	-6.2
Turnover tax receipts (Afl. million)	25.6	29.9	4.3
Taxes on income and profit (Afl. million)	76.9	84.5	7.6
Twelve-month average rate of inflation (percent)	-0.7	0.0	0.7
Consumer confidence index (first quarter, index points)	96.0	95.4	-0.6

Sources: CBA, AHATA, ATA, CBS.



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## Eman tests new 2018 Haas Mustang

**UNION, S.C. (August 10, 2018):** Trevor Eman and the Aruba.com team just took delivery of a new Jerry Haas-built 2018 Mustang. This will be the first major update for the team since they debuted their 2011 Mustang seven years ago. The new Mustang will be equipped with their tried and true Jon Kaase Ford power.

"The car is beautiful," stated team owner Ven Eman. "It's difficult to say, but it's even more beautiful than the other one. It's really nice. It looks fast and it should be more aerodynamic."

The Aruba.com Team has historically had some of the most eye-catching rides in drag racing and this Mustang is no different. It personifies the Emans' island paradise home with vibrant colors depicting deep blue waters with palm trees set

against a sunset backdrop. The car serves as a rolling billboard for a dream vacation.

The Emans flew in from Aruba to the team race shop in Union, South Carolina to take delivery of the new Mustang this week, and the team got to work right away, fitting Trevor for the car and making final preparations just in time to test locally this weekend.

"I'm very excited for the new car," added Trevor. "It's been tough to be on the sidelines this season, but we know this ride will be worth the wait. We've been watching Extreme Pro Stock and the competition has been incredible. We can't wait to get back out there and see what this new whip will do against the competition."

The Aruba.com Team plans to head to Union County

Raceway to make the Mustang's first passes this weekend. The first event will be the PDRA Drag Wars at GALOT Motorsports Park, Sep-

tember 6-8.

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videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba! ☐





## Switch of Mentality



**ORANJESTAD — Switch Foundation is a multimedia foundation which helps to promote the activities and results of our foundations and organizations working for the well-being and the development of our community. Switch Foundation informs, educates, and raises awareness through our media communication tools.**

Their main aim is to generate a "switch" of mentality

in their audience and the community where prejudice is eliminated and tolerance is stimulated. It is human nature to incline towards prejudice because of lack of education and information.

Switch Foundation started as a TV program in April 2011 called "Switch" based on research in a documentary format bringing forth local family issues in Papiamentu - problematic, the

cause, the consequences and ways of prevention-exposing experts in the field with real statistics and testimonials. Switch brings forth the information in a dynamic, real and visually attractive style which attracts both the youth and adults. Their main focus is to open up the eyes of our community and stimulate a sense of tolerance, compassion and understanding for the issues affecting both our society and in re-

turn our economy. 'Switch' is the tool to work for together with all local foundations and organizations working for the wellbeing of children, the youth and families. Switch Foundation points out that in order to fix any problem we will always have to go back to the roots: The Family!

### The Founder

Mrs. Paula Nahr is the founder of Switch Foundation. Paula hasn't always had a burning desire to be a social entrepreneur. When she was a small child living in Colombia, she watched with wide eyes some of the struggles her mother suffered through, because she hadn't been able to get a proper education. Her mother imparted a vital lesson to her daughter: education equals power. That quest for education took Paula all the way to New York City where she met Reza Fakhari; the man who inspired her to become a driving force for good in this world.

The name was inspired by the foundation's mission statement which is to gently help people 'switch' their point of view. Combining education and entertainment, Paula hopes

to expose some problems that plague our society in hopes of raising awareness that could eventually lead to a happier and healthier community.

### Projects

All their videos can be found on their website and their Facebook page and are accessible to all public. Topics that Switch Foundation have worked on and posted on social media are bullying, drug addicts, domestic violence, juvenile pregnancy and they are currently working on a project about human trafficking.

### Promesa Falso

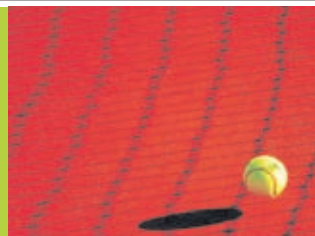
"Promesa falso" meaning False Promise is the name of their new project. It's a reenactment of a true story in which a lover boy tries to conquer the girl, make her fall in love and gives her false hope. He uses her psychologically and starts exploiting her sexually. Human Trafficking is something happening all over the world and unfortunately it's happening on the island too. Human trafficking is split into three parts. Sexual exploitation, labor exploitation and organ trafficking. This project is mainly focused on the sexual and labor part. Production is almost finished. So be pending for the launch of this marvelous project.

Switch Foundation depends totally on donations. So all donations are welcomed, needed and appreciated. Feel like being part of this wonderful foundation you can contact them by email at [switch@switchfoundation.com](mailto:switch@switchfoundation.com) or visit their website [www.switchfoundation.com](http://www.switchfoundation.com)





# SPORTS



Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking his birdie putt on the ninth green during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellevue Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in St. Louis.

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## Furyk gets core of Ryder Cup team, and obvious pick in Woods

By DOUG FERGUSON

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — The upside to Jim Furyk finishing so early at the PGA Championship was being able to watch the final round on television, partly as a player but mostly as the Ryder Cup captain.

And that meant seeing plenty of Tiger Woods.

"I really wanted to see kind of how Tiger was playing, and I only got to see ... I don't know, like every shot he hit for the rest of the day," Furyk said Monday with a laugh. "It was great theater, really."

Ultimately, nothing really changed.

Woods was as dynamic as he has been all year, shot 6-under 64 for the lowest final round of his career in the majors, had his lowest 72-hole score in the majors, captivated one of the largest and loudest galleries in golf and was runner-up to Brooks Koepka by two shots. He's a threat at majors or anywhere else. He gets attention inside and outside the ropes.

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# TITANIC HIT



## Bote slams Cubs past Nationals 4-3

Chicago Cubs' David Bote reacts as he rounds the bases after hitting the game-winning grand slam against the Washington Nationals during the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Chicago. The Cubs won 4-3.

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# NASCAR's dark cloud lifted after leadership change

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Keelan Harvick had the father-son weekend of a lifetime: He crashed a golf cart, drove a tiny race car, ran on a NASCAR track to collect his dad's checkered flag and got to ride shotgun alongside his old man to victory lane.

The 6-year-old son of Kevin Harvick was the headliner of NASCAR's weekend for stealing the spotlight in Sunday's race-winning celebration at Michigan. The racing technically should have been the focus, but as this season plods along, NASCAR will take every light and fluffy moment it can get.

After all, as Keelan hammed it up with his dad, no one seemed concerned about the arrest of NASCAR Chairman Brian France or the new leadership for the top motorsports series in the country.

The direction of NASCAR, and how it plans to address this never-ending storm of negative news, is the No. 1 issue facing the series right now. It's also the issue no



Kevin Harvick's son, Keelan, rides into Winner's Circle with his father after a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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one from NASCAR plans to address. Perhaps NASCAR is onto something with this approach.

Since France took a leave of absence last week following his arrest in New York on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal possession of oxycodone, NASCAR has closed ranks. Jim France replaced his nephew as chairman and CEO but so far has said nothing publicly about his

family's business. NASCAR also has not addressed tumbling television ratings, drooping attendance or sponsorship struggles.

All that silence could make it easy to question NASCAR's grip on reality. Shouldn't someone at least try to soothe stakeholders and assure them there is a plan in place? Any communications expert would advise that strategy.

Only that wouldn't fit Jim

France, who has always been involved in NASCAR's many entities but did his work in the shadows. Now pushed into a public role, Jim France hasn't signaled his style will soon change.

He has, however, steadied the ship through his mere presence at Michigan.

Brian France was aloof and often unreachable or unapproachable. He was rarely seen at the racetrack, and competitors had limited in-

teraction with the leader. Jim France, on the other hand, was front and center outside the NASCAR office in the Michigan garage. He attended pre-race meetings and participated in a driver council meeting that addressed rules, regulations, ideas and initiatives.

As Brian France's engagement decreased over the last two seasons, the ability to accomplish meaningful agenda ideas became harder and harder throughout the industry. It became such a maddening loop that Harvick skipped the Friday night driver council meeting to spend more time with his son.

"The whole summer has just been, it's been stressful," Harvick said after winning his series-best seventh win of the season. "There's just so many politics and so many things happening in the sport right now. I felt like this was the first week back of being 100 percent focused on the racing and my team and being selfish on focusing on those things and not worrying about all the other stuff that's going on with the sport." □



Andy Murray, of Great Britain, chases down a return from Lucas Pouille, of France, in the first round at the Western & Southern Open, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — Andy Murray lost to Lucas Pouille 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round of the Western & Southern Open on Monday, clearing another obstacle for Roger Federer in this U.S. Open tuneup.

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal dropped out Sunday night to prepare for the U.S. Open after winning his fifth

title of the year in Toronto.

Murray had his best result since missing 11 months following hip surgery when he reached the quarterfinals in Washington two weeks ago. But he had a hard time adjusting to the Cincinnati courts.

"The start of the match was not good," he said. "It was a pretty bad first set. After

## Murray loses in opening round, Federer back in Cincinnati

that, it was a little better."

Federer, seeded second, has won in Cincinnati a record seven times but hasn't played there since winning in 2015. In 2016 he had a knee injury, and in 2017 he had back problems.

"Cincinnati has always been a good tournament for me," said Federer, the reigning Australian Open champion. "I was sad not to play here last year, and two years ago there wasn't a chance. I'm glad to be back."

Even with the top-ranked Nadal missing, Federer liked the strength of this field, especially with Murray and Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic also successfully recovering from injuries.

"That's why you have such a good, exciting draw," Federer said before Murray's match was over. "It's a pity Rafa isn't playing. He would have added massively to that part of the draw."

Grigor Dimitrov, the defending champion who is seeded fifth, was not entirely upset about Nadal's absence. "When Rafa is missing, he's missed, not so much by the players as much as the fans," he said. "All joking aside, I love spending time with Rafa and practicing with him and playing with him. I would be the last person to say I wouldn't want to play with him."

Monday's first full day of main-draw competition opened with 13th-seeded Madison Keys holding off

Bethanie Mattek-Sands 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4 to reach the second round. Wild-card Victoria Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion, also came from behind to beat Carla Suarez Navarro 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4. Tenth-seeded Julia Goerges was losing to Kristina Mladenovic 6-4, 3-2 when she retired because of a lower left leg injury. Advancing were Lesia Tsurenko, qualifier Viktoria Kuzmova and Anett Kontaveit. On the men's side, Kei Nishikori beat Andrey Rublev 7-5, 6-3; 13th-seeded Pablo Carreno Busta topped Richard Gasquet 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Other winners were Peter Gojowczyk, Denis Shapovalov and qualifier Bradley Klahn. □



# Dreams' Renee Montgomery hits 8 3s to tie WNBA record

By The Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)

— Renee Montgomery hit eight 3-pointers to match to WNBA regular-season record and scored a season-high 30 points to help the Atlanta Dream beat the New York Liberty 86-77 on Sunday for their sixth straight victory.

Diana Taurasi, Riquna Williams and Shekinna Stricklen also have hit eight 3-pointers in a game. Montgomery had 25 points in the second half, hitting seven 3-pointers to break the WNBA record for a half — one more than Taurasi, Sue Bird and Sami Whitcomb.

The Dream (22-10) erased a 16-point, first-half deficit by scoring 21 straight points early in the third quarter and outscoring the Liberty 32-10 in the period. Atlanta had its largest lead at 72-58 on Montgomery's 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter. Brittney Sykes added 17 points, Jessica Breland had

16 and Tiffany Hayes 10 for Atlanta, which has won 14 of its last 15. Tina Charles had 20 of her 26 points in the first half, helping the Liberty (7-23) go into the break with a 48-37 lead. Rebecca Allen added 16 points and Bria Hartley had 12.

**STORM 81, LYNX 72**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Natasha Howard scored 21 points, Breanna Stewart had 17 points and a season-high 17 rebounds and Seattle beat Minnesota. Seattle (24-8) maintained its two-game lead over second-place Atlanta and reduced its magic number for the top seed in the playoffs to one. Seattle and Atlanta each have two games remaining.

Jewell Loyd added 12 points, eight rebounds and six assists for the Storm. Sylvia Fowles had 28 points and 13 rebounds for the Lynx (17-14).

**MERCURY 86, SPARKS 78**

PHOENIX (AP) — DeWanna

Bonner had a season-high 31 points, Diana Taurasi had 20 points and a career-best 14 assists and Phoenix beat Los Angeles. Brittney Griner added 20 points and 13 rebounds to help the Mercury (18-14) move a half-game ahead of the Minnesota Lynx for sixth place in the WNBA standings.

Candace Parker scored the Sparks' first 12 points and had 15 points and five rebounds in the first quarter. Parker finished with 23 points to lead Los Angeles (18-13).

**MYSTICS 93, WINGS 80**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ariel Atkins scored 26 points, Elena Delle Donne added 23 and Washington beat Dallas for its sixth straight victory.

The Wings announced several hours after the game that coach Fred Williams was being relieved of his duties following an eighth straight loss.

Kristi Toliver added 17 points



Connecticut Sun forward Alyssa Thomas (25) runs into a road-block from Chicago Sky defenders Gabby Williams (15) and Stefanie Dolson (31) in the second half of WNBA basketball game action Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Uncasville, Conn.

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with a trio of 3s for Washington (20-11). Atkins hit all five of her 3-point attempts and Delle Donne was 3 of 5. Skylar Diggins-Smith had 17 points for Dallas (14-17).

**SUN 82, SKY 75**

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Courtney Williams scored 22 points, Jonquel Jones added 17 points and a season-high 15 rebounds and Connecticut beat Chicago. □

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# Bote's grand slam in 9th lifts Cubs over Nats 4-3

By The Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Pinch-hitter David Bote smashed a grand slam against Ryan Madson with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the Chicago Cubs to a 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals on Sunday night. Bote's long drive to center field came after Washington's Max Scherzer and Chicago's Cole Hamels delivered simply dominant starts.

Madson (2-5) came in with a 3-0 lead to start the ninth and quickly ran into trouble. He gave up an infield single to Jason Heyward with one out and hit Albert Almora with a pitch. Madson then retired Kyle Schwarber on a foul pop before hitting Contreras to load the bases, but Bote drove a 2-2 pitch well beyond the center-field wall. Bote's drive made a winner of Justin Wilson (4-3), who got the final two outs in the ninth.

## ROCKIES 4, DODGERS 3

**DENVER (AP)** — Chris Iannetta drew a bases-loaded walk with two out in the ninth inning, and the Rockies beat the Dodgers after squandering a late lead. It was the second walk-off win in as many days for Colorado. Ryan McMahon lined a three-run homer in the ninth on Saturday. McMahon was walked intentionally to load the bases for Iannetta, who drew a five-pitch walk off Dylan



Chicago Cubs' David Bote hits the game-winning grand slam against the Washington Nationals during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Chicago. The Cubs won 4-3. Associated Press

Floro (4-3).

The loss dropped the Dodgers out of a first-place tie with Arizona in the NL West. Wade Davis (2-6) pitched a shaky ninth for the win after Colorado failed to protect a 3-0 lead.

## CARDINALS 8, ROYALS 2

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Yadier Molina hit a tie-breaking two-run single in the seventh inning, and St. Louis matched a season high with its fifth consecutive win.

The Cardinals moved eight games above .500, equaling their season high set on June 11, and improved to a National League-best 12-4 since July 27.

Molina's bases-loaded single scored Harrison Bader and Patrick Wisdom, who had two hits, drove in a run and scored twice in his major league debut.

Tyson Ross (7-9) pitched six solid innings in his St. Louis debut after he was claimed him on waivers last week from San Diego. Ross stepped in for Luke Weaver, who was scratched after cutting his right index finger on the aluminum foil cover of his clubhouse meal on Saturday night.

The lowly Royals have dropped nine of 10. Jason Hammel (2-12) got the loss. **BRAVES 8, BREWERS 7**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Ozzie Al-

bies led off the seventh inning with a tiebreaking homer, one of three for Atlanta, and the Braves overcame 19 hits by Milwaukee. Ronald Acuna Jr. and Dansby Swanson each hit a two-run homer for Atlanta, which took two of three in a matchup of playoff contenders. Jonny Venters (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win, and A.J. Minter worked the ninth for his 10th save.

Jesus Aguilar hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs for Milwaukee. The Brewers left 13 runners on base.

Albies gave Atlanta the lead by lining his 21st homer over the left-field wall on a slider from Dan Jennings (4-4).

## DIAMONDBACKS 9, REDS 2

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Paul Goldschmidt hit two of Arizona's five homers, and the Diamondbacks avoided a sweep.

Daniel Descalso, Eduardo Escobar and David Peralta also connected for Arizona, and Zack Godley (13-6) pitched 6 2/3 innings of two-run ball. Goldschmidt finished with three hits and three RBIs.

Last-place Cincinnati had won three of four, including the first two games of the weekend series. Jose Peraza and Eugenio Suarez each had two hits, but Luis

Castillo (6-10) was tagged for five runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

## PADRES 9, PHILLIES 3

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Freddy Galvis hit a grand slam for San Diego, and Travis Jankowski stole four bases and scored three times.

Galvis connected against Jake Arrieta (9-7) in the third inning, hitting a two-out drive to center for his first career slam. It was his third homer in his last seven games and No. 8 on the season.

Last-place San Diego won for the fifth time in seven games, including two of three against NL East-leading Philadelphia. Joey Lucchesi (6-6) struck out six in six scoreless innings.

## GIANTS 4, PIRATES 3

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — San Francisco's Dereck Rodriguez pitched seven innings of two-hit ball, continuing his sparkling rookie season.

Rodriguez (6-1) allowed one run, struck out four and walked one. Will Smith pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

Nick Hundley and Joe Panik each drove in two runs for the Giants, and Gorkys Hernandez scored twice.

Starling Marte had a two-run double for the Pirates. Joe Musgrove (4-7) allowed three earned runs in six innings.

## METS 4, MARLINS 3

**MIAMI (AP)** — Jose Reyes hit a two-run homer and Noah Syndergaard struck out seven in seven innings, leading the Mets to the victory.

Michael Conforto also connected for New York, which took two of three in the weekend series. Wilmer Flores knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Syndergaard (8-2) allowed three runs and seven hits. He improved to 4-1 in his last five starts.

Seth Lugo worked around two hits in the ninth while recording his first career save. Bryan Holaday had two hits and drove in two runs for Miami. Wei-Yin Chen (4-9) allowed four runs, two earned, and four hits in six innings. □





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# Sale returns, fans 12 in 5 innings, Red Sox beat Orioles 4-1

By The Associated Press

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Chris Sale celebrated his return from the disabled list by striking out 12 over five dominant innings, and the Boston Red Sox moved 50 games over .500 by completing a sweep of the lowly Orioles.

Sale (12-4) was placed on the DL on July 28 with left shoulder inflammation. Judging by his performance, the injury is no longer an issue. The left-hander allowed just one hit, a clean third-inning single to left field by Renato Nunez, and walked none. Craig Kimbrel, the last of five Boston relievers, worked the ninth for his 35th save.

Steve Pearce homered for the Red Sox, who have won 10 of 11 to improve to 85-35.

Alex Cobb (3-15) took the loss despite allowing only two runs, one earned, over seven innings.

## MARINERS 4, ASTROS 3, 10 INNINGS

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Ryon Healy hit a tying homer with two out in the ninth inning, Mitch Haniger delivered an RBI double in the 10th and the Mariners swept a four-game series from the AL West-leading Astros.

It's the first time in franchise history that Seattle swept a four-game series from Houston. The third-place Mariners pulled within four games of the Astros.

Healy's solo drive off Hector Rondon made it 3-all. Pinch-hitter Dee Gordon singled against Roberto Osuna (1-1) with one out in the 10th, and the speedster easily scored on Haniger's double that skipped down the left field line.

Zach Duke (5-4) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win. Edwin Diaz got three outs for his 46th save.

## YANKEES 7, RANGERS 2

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CC Sabathia threw six shutout innings, Giancarlo Stanton homered again and the Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games.

Didi Gregorius also homered and turned in a nifty defensive play for New York. Sabathia (7-4) allowed one hit in his first win since July 4.

Joey Gallo had two hits for Texas, which dropped three of four in the series. He also reached over the left-field wall to take a home run away from Austin Romine in the eighth.

Stanton hit his 30th homer, giving New York a first-inning lead for the second straight day by connecting off Martin Perez (2-5). The slugger has five homers in his last six games.

## ATHLETICS 8, ANGELS 7

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Jed Lowrie homered and moved over 1,000 hits for his career, and Oakland held on for its ninth win in 11 games.

The A's, who currently oc-



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale follows through on a pitch to the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Baltimore.

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cupy the second AL wildcard spot, moved within 2 1/2 games of first-place Houston in the AL West.

Fernando Rodney (4-2) pitched a scoreless inning for his first victory with Oakland. Blake Treinen struck out the side in the ninth for his 30th save.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia went with a bullpen day. Taylor Cole (0-3), making his first career start, allowed three runs in 1 1/3 innings.

## INDIANS 9, WHITE SOX 7

Carlos Carrasco struck out nine in seven innings, and

the Indians held on for the win. AL Central-leading Cleveland had a 9-1 lead heading into the bottom of the eighth, and almost blew it. Run-scoring singles by Tim Anderson and Kevan Smith trimmed the Indians' lead to 9-5 in the ninth before manager Terry Francona replaced Dan Otero with Cody Allen.

Adam Engel greeted the closer with a two-run triple before Allen struck out Nicky Delmonico and Yolver Sanchez for his 23rd save in 26 chances.

Carrasco (14-6) allowed

three hits. Melky Cabrera hit a three-run homer against one of his former teams, helping the Indians take two of three in the series.

Chicago's Dylan Covey (4-9) allowed six runs and seven hits in just 2 2/3 innings.

## TIGERS 4, TWINS 2

**DETROIT (AP)** — Matthew Boyd pitched six strong innings and the Tigers beat the Twins on Jack Morris Day at Comerica Park.

The game started 20 minutes late because of the ceremony to retire Morris' No. 47 jersey. □

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# Acosta completes hat trick in 96th, DC tops Orlando City

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Luciano Acosta completed a hat trick in the 96th minute to give D.C. United a 3-2 victory over 10-man Orlando City on Sunday night. Wayne Rooney set up the winner by chasing down and tackling Orlando's Will Johnson, who was crossing midfield and racing toward an empty net after D.C. brought its goalkeeper up for a corner.

Rooney then turned the other way and sent a long ball to Acosta, who headed it home to put United (5-9-6) in front.

Dom Dwyer tied it in the 71st minute, getting behind the central defense on Oriol Rosell's through ball and chipping it over the goalkeeper to tie it at 2 for Orlando (7-15-2).

Orlando's Cristian Higuita was sent off for a high arm swing making contact with Yamil Asad in the 55th minute.

Acosta's second made it 2-1 in the 64th minute. He finished Asad's cross from



Orlando City defender Amro Tarek, left, pulls the jersey of D.C. United midfielder Luciano Acosta (10) during the second half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Washington. D.C. United won 3-2.

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close range and collided with the goalkeeper shortly after the shot. The goal was upheld after video review

confirmed that Acosta was onside.

Acosta opened the scoring in the fourth minute of

first-half stoppage time with a give-and-go to Rooney and a rocket to finish from a narrow angle.

Rosell sent a cross along the end line that D.C. goalkeeper David Ousted inadvertently deflected into his own goal in the 50th minute, making it 1-all for Orlando.

**NEW YORK CITY FC 3, TORONTO FC 2**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Ismael Tajouri-Shradi scored his second goal of the game in the 88th minute to lift New York City FC past Toronto FC.

The New York City attacker drove a left-footed volley past diving goalkeeper Alex Bono's for his 10th goal of the season. David Villa also scored for New York City (14-5-5).

Sebastian Giovinco and Victor Vazquez scored for Toronto (6-12-5). The defending MLS Cup champions lost Jozy Altidore to a red card 11 minutes into the match. He was sent off for kicking New York defender Alexander Callens,

leaving the striker facing at least a one-match ban for next weekend's trip to San Jose. The loss ended Toronto's all-competitions unbeaten streak at six.

**SOUNDERS 2, FC DALLAS 1**  
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Nicolas Lodeiro's free-kick goal in the 63rd minute was the winner as the Seattle Sounders defeated FC Dallas for their franchise-tying fifth straight victory.

Seattle (9-9-5) is unbeaten in eight matches to improve to seventh place in the Western Conference. Despite the loss, Dallas (12-5-6) still leads the conference standings.

The Sounders set a club record by earning 11 corner kicks in the opening half, the 10th of which was headed into the net by Chad Marshall off a cross from Lodeiro.

Dallas tied it seven minutes into the second half when Dominique Badji, who made his FCD debut, finished off a nice combination of passes with his chest from close range. □



2018 U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain Jim Furyk speaks during a news conference at Bellerive Country Club, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

## RYDER CUP

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As for the Ryder Cup, Furyk ended up with the same eight players who started the week atop the U.S. standings.

The PGA Championship was the final event for eight players to earn automatic spots. Furyk will choose three captain's picks next month after the second FedEx Cup playoff event, with the last pick Sept. 10 after the third playoff.

Koepka, who won three of

the eight majors during the qualifying period, overtook Dustin Johnson to lead the points list, and the next six players stayed the same — Justin Thomas, Patrick Reed, Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler and Webb Simpson.

Woods, who started the year with zero points, moved from No. 20 to No. 11 on the strength of his tie for sixth at the British Open, where he briefly led during the final round, and his runner-up at Bellerive.

Furyk was not willing to say what appears certain for everyone else: Woods will be in France with golf clubs for the Sept. 28-30 matches.

"We want the players who are going to help us be successful," Furyk said. "He's playing very well. I think there's a lot of folks out there who probably think he can help us. Really, what we wanted to talk about today was the top eight players. I realize Tiger is a story. I realize he's playing very well, and I'm excited to see that."

Woods was appointed a vice captain in late February, and he has said he would like to serve two roles. He also said that when he was appointed a vice captain for the Presidents Cup for the 2017 matches, and no one took him all that seriously.

They do now, and Woods made it clear he wants to compete in his first Ryder Cup since 2012.

"I do want to be there as a player," he said Sunday. "Our captain has some de-

cisions to make. We'll all sit down and give him our input, who can contribute. Hopefully, my name will be part of that process."

Woods doesn't need numbers to state his case. He's Tiger Woods, and that carries a lot of weight.

Along with moving to No. 11 in the Ryder Cup standings, Woods now is at No. 20 in the FedEx Cup. With one decent week in the playoffs, he most likely would be assured of being in all four of the events, ending with the Tour Championship the week before boarding a plane to Paris.

It would be the second time he plays the Ryder Cup as a captain's pick. The other was in 2010, when he was coming off the scandal in his personal life that kept him out of golf until the 2010 Masters, and he finished the qualifying period at No. 12.

Furyk has other decisions to make.

Phil Mickelson failed to qualify for the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1993,

his first full season on the PGA Tour. He was 10th in the standings and missed the cut at a PGA Championship that was ripe for scoring. Mickelson has one victory over the last five years, a playoff win over Thomas in the Mexico Championship. He was not a factor in any of the majors, though he was regarded as a central figure in the team room and helped reshaped the U.S. model for the Ryder Cup.

Bryson DeChambeau was at No. 9 and missed the cut. Xander Schauffele is at No. 12. Right behind him is Matt Kuchar, who has played in every Ryder Cup since 2010 but who has only four top 10s this year and missed the cut in two majors.

Furyk said he would be meeting with his vice captains frequently over the next few weeks, and planned to attend two of the FedEx Cup playoff events for meetings and dinners with players already on the team, who also will have some input. □





This Nov. 9, 2017, file photo shows Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony, left, looking to pass the ball as Denver Nuggets guards Gary Harris, front right, and Will Barton defend during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Denver.

Associated Press

## Anthony signs 1-year, \$2.4 million deal with Houston Rockets

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Carmelo Anthony signed a one-year, \$2.4 million deal with the Houston Rockets on Monday.

Anthony was traded from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Atlanta Hawks last month before the Hawks released him.

Houston general manager Daryl Morey announced the signing and the Rockets posted a picture on social media of Anthony signing his contract.

The 34-year-old joins a team led by MVP James Harden and star point guard Chris Paul. The Rockets hope the addition of Anthony will help them contend for their first title since 1995. They lost to the Golden State Warriors in the Western Conference

finals last season.

Anthony will get a fresh start in Houston after spending last season with the Thunder, with whom he averaged a career-low 16.2 points in 78 games. The third overall pick in the 2003 draft has averaged 24.1 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3 assists in a 15-year career that also included stints with the Denver Nuggets and the New York Knicks. The 6-foot-8 Anthony is a 10-time All-Star and has won three gold medals in the Olympics. He is USA Basketball's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. Anthony has averaged more than 20 points every year of his career except last season and led the NBA in scoring in 2012-13, when he averaged 28.7 points a game. □



In this July 31, 2018, file photo, Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey (20) defends against receiver D.J. Chark Jr. during a practice at NFL football training camp in Jacksonville, Fla.

Associated Press

## Jaguars suspend Ramsey, Fowler for roles in practice fight

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)** —

The Jacksonville Jaguars suspended All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey and defensive end Dante Fowler on Sunday for violating team rules and conduct unbecoming a Jaguars football player.

Neither one will make the trip to Minnesota on Tuesday for two days of joint practices and a preseason game. The teams play Saturday.

Fowler was involved in several fights Sunday, including one after practice with fellow defensive end Yannick Ngakoue. Ramsey shouted profanities at media members who captured the altercation on video and later threatened reporters with "war" for releasing the video. Ramsey made his threat via Twitter. The team released a one-sentence statement Sunday evening announcing the suspensions. Coach Doug Marrone is expected to address the decision Tuesday.

The whole thing seemingly started during practice and carried off the field.

Ngakoue and Fowler exchanged words while leaving practice, prompting a skirmish in which no punches were thrown. Ngakoue and Fowler got into it again outside the practice-field gates and had to be pulled apart by teammates, coaches and security personnel. General manager Dave Caldwell could be seen leading Ngakoue away by the wrist.

The altercation came on the last of 11 consecutive practices in full pads and in sweltering heat and humidity. It also came a few minutes after a scuffle near the end of practice, when Fowler appeared to shove tight end James O'Shaughnessy out of bounds following a reception. Teammates rushed to break it up.

The suspension is the latest issue for Fowler, whose checkered past includes two arrests.

Fowler was arrested last year after confronting a 55-year-old man who made a comment about his driving.

St. Petersburg police said Fowler exchanged words with the man before hit-

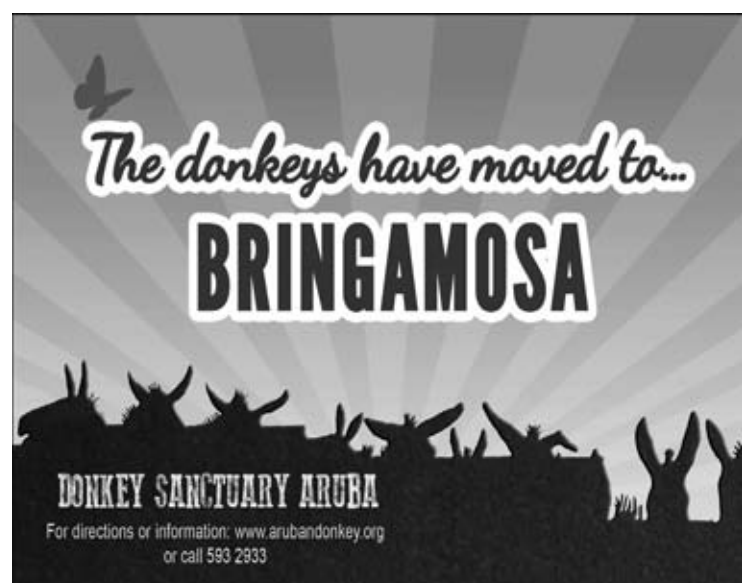
ting him and knocking off his glasses. Fowler then stepped on the glasses before taking the man's grocery bag and tossing it in a lake.

Fowler eventually pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery, criminal mischief and petty theft. The case was closed in March, with Fowler sentenced to a year of probation and 75 hours of community service.

The NFL suspended him without pay for the season opener, a one-game penalty that will cost him \$214,000.

Fowler also was arrested in Miami Beach in March 2016 and charged with misdemeanor counts of assault against a police officer and resisting arrest without violence. The charges were later dropped. That arrest came a little more than two weeks after a video surfaced showing Fowler refereeing a fight between his girlfriend and an ex-girlfriend. He also has a long list of traffic violations.

Fowler missed the first two weeks of training camp while recovering from a shoulder injury. □





# AP Exclusive: Google watches your movements, like it or not

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Google wants to know where you go so badly that it records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to.

An Associated Press investigation found that many Google services on Android devices and iPhones store your location data even if you've used a privacy setting that says it will prevent Google from doing so.

Computer-science researchers at Princeton confirmed these findings at the AP's request.

For the most part, Google is upfront about asking permission to use your location information. An app like Google Maps will remind you to allow access to location if you use it for navigating. If you agree to let it record your location over time, Google Maps will display that history for you in a "timeline" that maps out your daily movements.

Storing your minute-by-minute travels carries privacy risks. So Google will let you "pause" a setting called Location History.

Google says that prevents the company from remembering where you've been. Its support page states: "You can turn off Location History at any time. With Location History off, the places you go are no longer stored."

But this isn't true. Even with Location History paused, some Google apps automatically store time-stamped location data without asking. (It's possible, although laborious, to delete it.)

For example, Google stores a snapshot of where you are when you merely open its Maps app. Automatic daily weather updates on Android phones note your location. So can searches that have nothing to do



In this June 15, 2017, photo, people walk inside the Oculus, the new transit station at the World Trade Center in New York.

Associated Press

with location.

The privacy issue affects some two billion users of devices that run Google's Android operating software and hundreds of millions of worldwide iPhone users who rely on Google for maps or search.

Storing location data in violation of a user's preferences is wrong, said Jonathan Mayer, a Princeton computer scientist and former chief technologist for the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau. A researcher from Mayer's lab confirmed the AP's findings on multiple Android devices; the AP conducted its own tests on several iPhones and found the same behavior.

"If you're going to allow users to turn off something called 'Location History,' then all the places where you maintain location history should be turned off," Mayer said.

Google says it is being perfectly clear.

"There are a number of different ways that Google may use location to improve people's experience, including: Location History, Web and App Activity, and through device-level Location Services," Google said in a statement to the AP. "We provide clear descriptions of these tools, and robust controls so people can turn them on or off, and delete their histories at any time."

To stop Google from saving these location markers, the company says, users can turn off another setting, though it doesn't specifically reference location information. Called "Web and App Activity," that setting stores a variety of information from Google apps and websites to your Google account.

When paused, it will prevent activity on any device

from being saved to your account. But leaving "Web & App Activity" on and turning "Location History" off only prevents Google from adding your movements to the "timeline," its visualization of your daily travels. It does not stop Google's collection of other location markers.

You can see these stored location markers on a page in your Google account at [myactivity.google.com](https://myactivity.google.com). It's possible, though laborious, to delete them.

To demonstrate how powerful these other markers can be, the AP created a visual map of the movements of Princeton postdoctoral researcher Gunes Acar, who carried an Android phone with Location history off and shared a record of his Google account.

The map includes Acar's train commute on two trips to New York and visits to

the High Line park, Chelsea Market, Hell's Kitchen, Central Park and Harlem.

Huge tech companies are under increasing scrutiny over their data practices, following a series of privacy scandals at Facebook and new data-privacy rules recently adopted by the European Union.

Critics say Google's insistence on tracking its users' locations stems from its drive to boost advertising revenue.

"They build advertising information out of data," said Peter Lenz, the senior geo-spatial analyst at Dstillery, a rival advertising technology company. "More data for them presumably means more profit."

The AP learned of the issue from K. Shankari, a graduate researcher at UC Berkeley who studies the commuting patterns of volunteers in order to help urban planners. She noticed that her Android phone prompted her to rate a shopping trip to Kohl's, even though she had turned Location History off.

"I am not opposed to background location tracking in principle," she said. "It just really bothers me that it is not explicitly stated."

Google offers a more accurate description of how Location History works in a popup when you pause the setting on your Google account webpage. It notes that "some location data may be saved as part of your activity on other Google services, like Search and Maps."

There's another obscure notice if you turn off and reactivate the "Web & App Activity" setting. It notes that the setting "saves the things you do on Google sites, apps, and services ... and associated information, like location."

The warnings offered when you turn Location History off via Android and iPhone device settings are more difficult to interpret. Since 2014, Google has let advertisers track the effectiveness of online ads at driving foot traffic, a feature that Google has said relies on user location histories. □

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# Warren Buffett's investing continues to evolve even at 87

By **JOSH FUNK**

**Associated Press**

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — Warren Buffett is still finding new places to invest decades after he started, even though his basic approach of finding businesses selling for less than they are worth hasn't changed much. Buffett resisted investing in tech companies for years because he didn't think he could pick which ones would be enduring winners, but now his Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate is a major Apple shareholder because he views Apple as a consumer products company with loyal customers. The billionaire used to joke that airlines were such a bad investment that someone should have shot down the Wright brothers. Today, Berkshire holds investments in several major airlines.

Berkshire investors have generally profited as Buffett found new ways to put the company's money to work over the years, although he has made mistakes along the way. Berkshire could reveal some more surprises when the Omaha, Nebraska-based company details its stock holdings in a quar-



In this May 6, 2018, file photo Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, plays bridge outside Berkshire-owned Borsheims jewelry store in Omaha, Neb.

**Associated Press**

terly regulatory filing which is expected to be made Tuesday.

The biggest change Berkshire made to its stock portfolio this year has been adding to its Apple holdings. Some of the smaller changes that get disclosed, such as the new stake in Teva Pharmaceu-

ticals that Berkshire bought last year, might be the work of the company's two other money managers.

"The fact that he's changing is a good thing," said George Morgan, a finance professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a former investment adviser. Buffett was criticized in the

1990s for missing out on the boom in technology stocks, but the 87-year-old's caution proved sensible a few years later than the tech bubble burst.

The way Buffett explains it, he keeps three boxes on his desk: in, out and too hard. That last box is where tech companies had always

lived until Buffett invested in IBM stock in 2011.

"Even with hindsight, it's a little hard to figure out, you know, who was going to make all the money," Buffett said at the 2007 annual meeting. "There's just games that are too tough." Buffett says now that he should have recognized Google's potential as an investment because Berkshire's Geico insurance company was an early customer of the search engine and selling ads is a business he understands. But Berkshire still hasn't invested in Google because the company sells at a premium now, and Buffett tries to find investments that are selling for less than they are worth.

It may seem easy to look back and conclude that Berkshire should have invested heavily in Google or Amazon a decade ago, but even if he had, who knows how many bad picks might Buffett have made in the sector. Buffett said at this spring's annual meeting that he was wrong about IBM and sold it for little gain about six years after he started buying it. □

## A sticky problem: boom in taste for octopus squeezes market

By **DAVID MONTERO SIERRA**

**Associated Press**

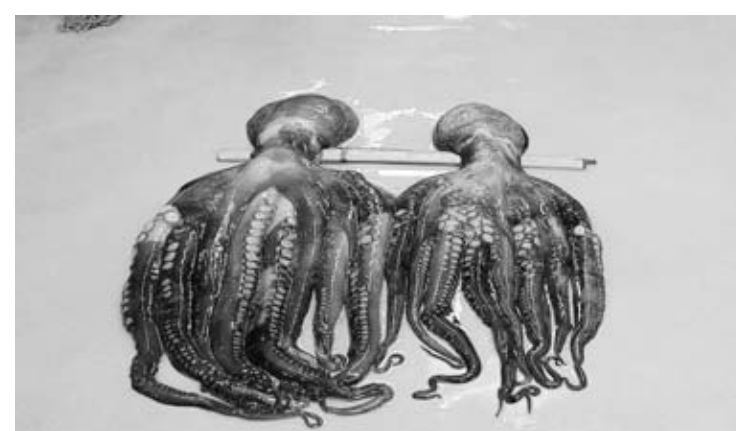
**BUEU, Spain (AP)** — Whether it's spiced in the Spanish style or sliced as Japanese sashimi, octopus as a dish is becoming a victim of its own popularity.

Prices for the tentacled mollusc have about doubled in the past two years due to a global boom in appetite for these classic dishes. And supplies have tightened, with fisheries not yet able to farm octopus and relying on ocean currents to yield a good harvest. This year has been hard, with lower catches in major producing countries like Morocco and Spain.

"The price will rise even more," says Carmen Torres Lorenzo, who has been selling fish for three decades in the market of Bueu in Spain's northwestern re-

gion of Galicia, famed for its octopus dish. "I wish a lot of octopus would appear ... and the price will come down, but that won't happen." The price of a regular size, caught octopus has risen from about 7 euros to 14 euros per kilogram (from \$8 to \$16 for 2.2 pounds) in the last two years. The price is somewhat higher in other countries, like the U.S., that

do not specialize in its fishing. The Food and Agriculture Organization says prices are expected to continue to grow as demand has risen in all major markets, including Japan, the United States, China and Europe. Meanwhile, catches have been limited, even in the biggest producing countries, Morocco, Mauritania and Mexico. □



In this Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 file photo, octopus are seen drying out before sale at a market in Gangneung, South Korea.

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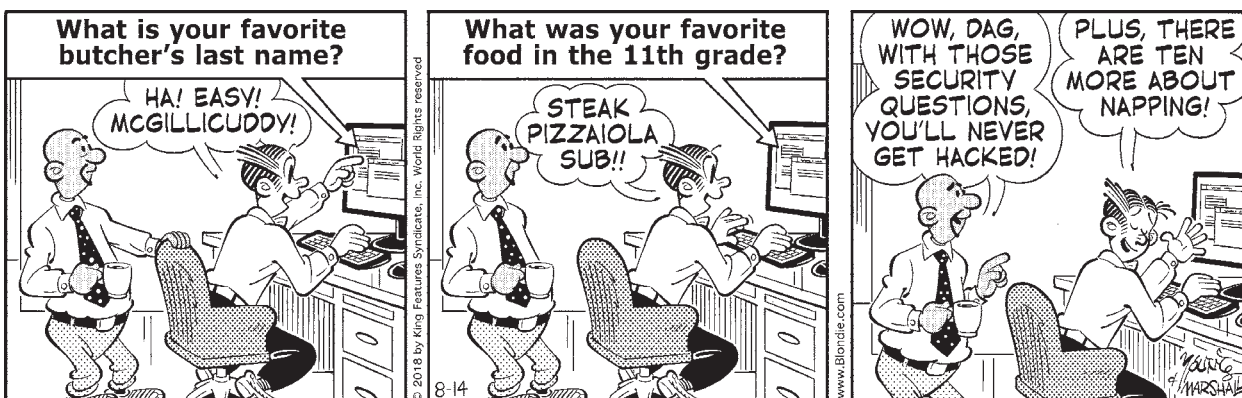
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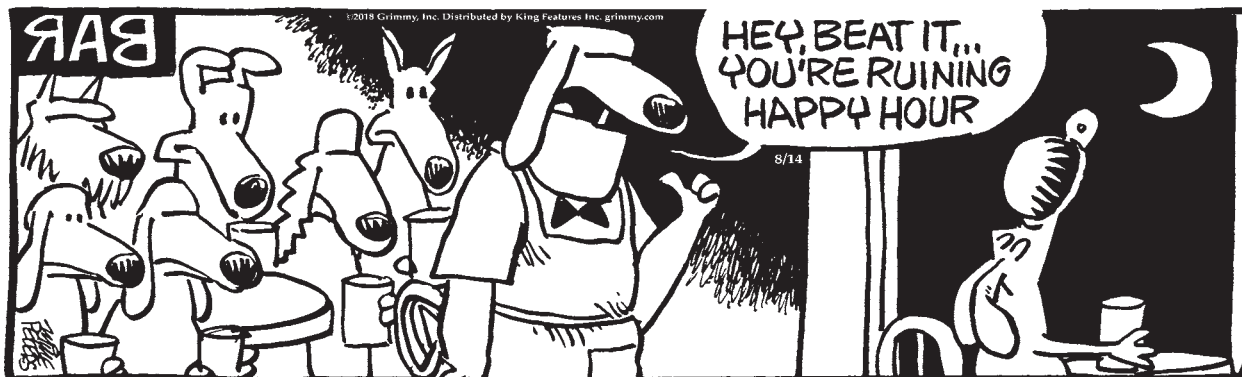
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Get \_\_\_ of; shed
- 4 Drescher & Tarkenton
- 9 Joke around
- 13 Head covering
- 15 New Delhi dollar
- 16 Sore
- 17 \_\_\_ more; again
- 18 Perfect
- 19 Goatee's place
- 20 "Beat it!"
- 22 \_\_\_ wolf; solitary
- 23 Entomb
- 24 Weep
- 26 Clothing protectors
- 29 Plant scientist
- 34 Bird bills
- 35 Refuge
- 36 Singing couple
- 37 Annoys
- 38 Uninterested
- 39 Italian auto
- 40 John \_\_\_; unknown man
- 41 Refueling ship
- 42 \_\_\_ a point; show that you're right
- 43 Imperil
- 45 Smiled broadly
- 46 Pasture cry
- 47 Actress \_\_\_-Na Wen
- 48 \_\_\_ market; swap meet
- 51 Suer
- 56 Angora or ibex
- 57 Sixteen ounces
- 58 Actor Jack
- 60 Give a job to
- 61 Cyclist
- 62 Armstrong
- 63 Traveler's stops
- 64 "\_\_\_ the Dragon"; Bruce Lee film
- 65 Golf ball holder

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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- 1 Sorority letter
- 2 McKellen and McShane
- 3 Richard's nickname
- 4 Monastery residents
- 5 Not at all pale
- 6 Mimicked
- 7 Actress Patricia
- 8 Chose
- 9 Actress Smith
- 10 Resound
- 11 Part of the lower leg
- 12 Tim Daly's sister
- 14 Athletic shoes
- 21 Final bills
- 25 Hightailed it
- 26 Can't \_\_\_; finds intolerable
- 27 Juan or Evita
- 28 Gathered leaves
- 29 Less adorned
- 30 Finished; done
- 31 Common phrase
- 32 Debonair
- 33 Carried
- 35 Cavity
- 38 New York City
- 39 Brittle; easily broken
- 41 "Put \_\_\_ Happy Face"
- 50 Make money
- 52 Money borrowed
- 53 Family tree member
- 54 Racer A.J.
- 55 Untethered
- 59 Presidential monogram



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# Devastating toxic algae bloom plagues Florida's Gulf Coast

By **TAMARA LUSH**

**Associated Press**

**LONGBOAT KEY, Fla. (AP)**

— Tons of dead fish. A smell so awful you gag with one inhale. Empty beaches, empty roads, empty restaurants.

A toxic algae bloom has overrun Florida's southern Gulf Coast this summer, devastating sea life and driving people from the water.

"I've never seen it this bad," said 31-year-old Heather Lamb of Venice. She's a hairdresser and makeup artist who styled herself as a dead mermaid and posted photos on social media to raise awareness of the problem. "I feel like it cleanses your soul to go to the beach. For me to not be able to go, it's painful. I think a lot of people take for granted when they live in Florida. Some people save their paychecks for a whole year to come here."

Red tide — a naturally occurring toxic algae bloom that can be harmful to people with respiratory problems — has spread throughout the Gulf of Mexico, drifting in the water since it began in October. Stretching about 150 miles (240 kilometers), it's affecting communities from Naples in the south to Anna Maria Island in the north and appears to be moving northward.

The algae turns the water toxic for marine life, and in recent weeks beachgoers have been horrified to find turtles, large fish like goliath grouper and even manatees wash up dead. In late July, a 26-foot long (8-meter-long) whale shark washed ashore on Sanibel Island, which is known for its pristine beaches. In places like Longboat Key, more than 5 tons of dead



**In this Monday Aug. 6, 2018 photo, a dead Snook is shown along the water's edge in Bradenton Beach, Fla. From Naples in Southwest Florida, about 135 miles north, beach communities along the Gulf coast have been plagued with red tide.**

**Associated Press**

fish have been removed from beaches. This week, nine dead dolphins were found in Sarasota County, and marine biologists are investigating whether the deaths are related to red tide.

The Florida Wildlife Research Institute says the number of dead and stranded sea turtles is nearly three times higher than average. More than 450 stranded and dead sea turtles have been recovered in four affected counties this year, and the institute estimates that 250 to 300 died from red tide poisoning.

In Bradenton Beach, the

stench was impossible to ignore.

"I can't describe the smell. It's like unbelievable. It makes you throw up," said Holmes Beach resident Alex Kuizon, who has lived in the area for decades. He held a handkerchief over his mouth and nose while talking to a reporter. Just a few feet away, hundreds of dead fish clogged a boat ramp.

Red tide is a natural occurrence that happens due to the presence of nutrients in the water and an organism called a dinoflagellate.

"Off the west coast of Florida, we have persistent red tide events that occur

with some frequency," said Steve Murawski, a marine science professor at the University of South Florida. Another algae problem plagues Florida's waterways, Murawski said, and confused and frustrated people are conflating the two. Blue-green algae affect freshwater, and Murawski said it has a direct correlation to agricultural and urban runoff.

Heavy May rains caused Lake Okeechobee to discharge water containing blue-green algae into rivers and canals. The bright green sludge oozed onto docks, dams and rivers.

"Are they in fact related?

That's kind of an open scientific question," Murawski said. "If you've got large nitrogen discharges, you could actually be fueling both the harmful algal bloom and the discharge of the blue-green algae. It's an area of very active concern."

Why this year's red tide is so intense is up for debate. Some researchers have noticed aggressive blooms after hurricanes; Irma swept past Florida's Gulf Coast in the summer of 2017 and a period of red tide affected Florida after the powerful 2004-2005 hurricanes.

Regardless, those who live, work and play in the area are disturbed.

"We get a lot of Europeans this time of year and even people from the Midwest are still coming down because school hasn't started yet. They come here and they're like, 'Oh my goodness, what's this smell? It's awful,'" said Anthony Cucci, the manager of the Mar Vista restaurant on Longboat Key. As he spoke, a worker cleared away dead fish littering the small beach near the patio.

For Charlotte County resident Magdalena Rossip, Saturday was her birthday, when she usually goes to the beach to celebrate. This year, she didn't.

It was too depressing — her family's pressure washing business has dried up because no one wants to use their boat or patio.

"It's catastrophic," the 35-year-old said.

Although this isn't peak tourist season for the Gulf Coast — that's in winter — red tide is affecting tourism.

"I'm pretty surprised, because I usually meet my family down here once a year and it's usually completely different. The water's usually much clearer than it has been today," said Brandon Mullis of Tampa, building a sandcastle with his daughter on Bradenton Beach.

The smell wasn't bad on that part of the beach, but he said he wasn't planning to stay long — and would choose his resort pool over swimming in the Gulf. □

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## “Japanese Satchmo” honored in jazz birthplace of New Orleans

By JAY REEVES  
Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Trumpeter Yoshio Toyama and his wife Keiko moved to the United States 50 years ago to learn about traditional jazz in its birthplace, New Orleans. Nightclubs, churches, house parties, and jazz funerals became their classroom.

The lessons took: Singing with a gravelly voice like the late Louis Armstrong and blowing the trumpet in Armstrong's style, Toyama returned home to make a life of playing jazz. And the man now known as the “Japanese Satchmo” recently found out just how much he's revered by New Orleans' musical community during what could be his band's final gig in the city. Performing during an annual French Quarter music festival that marks Armstrong's birthday, Satchmo Summerfest, Toyama was given what amounts to a lifetime achievement award noting both his music and his ties to New Orleans, including his work to donate at least 850 musical instruments and more than \$130,000 to help musicians and music education in the



Trumpet player and singer Yoshio Toyama talks with an admirer in New Orleans on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

city.

Janice Foulks, a board member of the nonprofit French Quarter Festivals Inc., presented Toyama with the “Spirit of Satchmo” award before he performed with his band the Dixie Saints, which includes

his wife on banjo and piano.

“We love him. He is such a part of New Orleans,” said Foulks.

Toyama, who lives with his wife in metro Tokyo, had one of the largest crowds during the three-day fes-

tival, which draws heavily upon local jazz fans.

Toyama, 74, had to compose himself before going on with a set that included his versions of Armstrong classics like “What a Wonderful World” and “Hello, Dolly.”

“It just happened all of a sudden on stage, nobody told me nothing,” Toyama said in an interview conducted by email. “I was in tears and had to knock off playing Satchmo's theme, ‘When It's Sleepy Time Down South,’ to hide it.”

Toyama knocked on the door and Armstrong told him to come in; Toyama entered but Keiko demurred. “Keiko was chicken and did not dare come in to the dressing room,” he said.

Toyama said he wound up blowing the musician's trumpet in a moment he never forgot. With Toyama working for an insurance company, the couple married in 1966 and arrived in New Orleans in early 1968, even though traveling from Japan to the U.S. Gulf Coast at that time was like “going to the moon,” he said.

They started out in a low-rent apartment on Bourbon Street and immersed themselves in the city's musical culture, making friends and eating Creole food. They remained for five years as they worked and frequented jazz hotspots including Preservation Hall to learn the craft. □

## Soul icon Aretha Franklin is seriously ill

By MESFIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fans and friends, including Mariah Carey and Missy Elliott, offered prayers and well wishes to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, who is seriously ill.

A person close to Franklin, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press on Monday that the singer is seriously ill. No more details were provided.

Carey, who considers Franklin one of her biggest influences, wrote on Twitter that she is “praying for the Queen of Soul.” Missy Elliott said that the public has to celebrate iconic artists before they die.

“So many (of them) have given us decades of timeless music,” the rapper wrote on Twitter.

Mark Frost, Andy Cohen and Ciara also posted about Franklin, who is considered the greatest singer of all-time and is known for hits like “Respect” and “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman.”

Franklin canceled planned concerts earlier this year after she was ordered by her doctor to stay off the road and rest up. She was originally scheduled to perform on her 76th birthday in March in Newark, New Jersey, and at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in April.

Last year, the icon announced her plans to retire, saying she would

perform at “some select things.” One of those select events was a gala for Elton John's 25th anniversary of his AIDS foundation in November in New York City, where Franklin closed the event with a collection of songs including “I Say a Little Prayer” and “Freeway.” Abdul “Duke” Fakir, the lone surviving original member of the Four Tops, told the AP on Monday morning they have been “very close” for decades and their most recent conversation was about a week ago by phone. Fakir said they talked after Franklin had stopped by his Detroit house when he wasn't there.

“She was telling me she rides around the city every now and then — she



In this April 19, 2017 file photo, Aretha Franklin performs at the world premiere of “Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives” at Radio City Music Hall, during the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, in New York.

Associated Press

talks about how beautiful it is again,” Fakir said. “We were reminiscing about how blessed we were — only a couple two of us are around from that era. We were just kind of reminiscing about the good times we had.”

“She talked about this great, big special she was going to have in New York, with all her great friends performing,” he said. “It made me feel good as well — she was still hoping and wishing and dreaming as we do in this business.” □



# 'Crazy Rich Asians' spurs conversation over representation

By DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — From the time Ricky Yean first heard about "Crazy Rich Asians," he's been excited to see the movie — and not because he likes romantic comedies (although, for the record, he does.) For the Taiwanese-American who moved to the U.S. when he was 11, here was something he hasn't seen — a movie from a major Hollywood studio, with a cast of Asian-American and Asian actors. So when it comes out Wednesday, "I definitely will go and line up," the San Francisco resident said, and "make sure I go see it and bring all my friends."

But Sangeetha Thanapal won't. Even though it's set in her native Singapore, when she saw the trailer, she said all she saw was a story centered on a specific subset of the already well-represented Chinese-Singaporeans who make up the majority of that country's population, and no real reference to the mi-



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Constance Wu in a scene from "Crazy Rich Asians."

nority communities like the Indian-Singaporean one her family hails from. "This movie is going global," said Thanapal, currently living in Melbourne, Australia, "and the idea of Singapore is that we don't exist in it." Based on the best-selling first book in the trilogy by Kevin Kwan, "Crazy Rich Asians" is making it clear

that "representation" can look very different depending on where you're standing. The premise is a fish-out-of-water story revolving around Rachel Chu, a middle-class Chinese-American woman who goes with her Chinese-Singaporean boyfriend Nick Young to his best friend's wedding in Singapore and finds out he and his family are, well, crazy rich. She has to deal with all that entails, including his disapproving mom. Helmed by director Jon M.

Associated Press

Chu and with an international cast including Asian-American actresses Constance Wu and Awkwafina, British-Malaysian newcomer Henry Golding, and longtime Malaysian star Michelle Yeoh, the Warner Bros. film has spurred excitement among Asian-Americans thrilled to see actors who look like them in all the leading roles of a major Hollywood studio film for the first time since 1993's "The Joy Luck Club."

"When you grow up as not being the dominant cul-

ture in America, we've had to grow up learning and training ourselves to see ourselves in characters and images and people that look very different from us, mostly white people," said actor and comedian Jenny Yang. But someone like the character of Rachel "is kind of like me ... it's just kind of nice to let your hair down and say, 'Wow, I can actually see someone where I don't need to flex this muscle of closing the gap between me and the person.'"

The stars of the movie themselves have been clear about how groundbreaking they feel the movie is and urged movie-goers to support it, with Wu writing on social media, "I hope Asian-American kids watch CRA and realize that they can be the heroes of their own stories."

Just because something is representative in one context doesn't mean it's representative for others, say Thanapal and others who have critiques of the world the movie showcases and have pushed back against the idea that it's something they need to support so that studios see this kind of casting as economically viable. □

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## A powerhouse debut from duo the War and Treaty

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

The War and Treaty, "Healing Tide" (Strong World/Thirty Tigers)  
The War and Treaty, "Healing Tide" (Strong World/Thirty Tigers)  
Along with his considerable talents as a guitarist, singer, songwriter, producer, bandleader and radio host, Buddy Miller is an excellent talent scout. In the case of the War and Treaty, Miller gave his stamp of approval — and a helping hand — to an act beyond his usual Nashville orbit. Good call, Buddy, as always. Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Blount-Trotter, the pride of Albion, Michigan, are husband and wife and a powerhouse R&B

duo who sound as though they were born to sing together. Their full-length album debut, "Healing Tide," is Americana in that it's rooted in the nation's pews, fields and street corners, all sweat and spirit and soul. Miller produced and captured the magic of the live performances that have caused such a buzz about the couple. The material draws from Sly Stone's family but also the Carter Family, thanks to varied arrangements that include Dobro, banjo and autoharp. Trotter, a wounded warrior who served in Iraq and



This cover image released by Strong World/Thirty Tigers shows "Healing Tide," by The War and Treaty.

Associated Press

once composed songs to honor fallen comrades, wrote all 11 tunes with a focus on the glory of love. He and Tanya have huge voices, and while some of the most moving moments come when they dial back the volume, mostly they swing and soar, whoop and wail, testify and sanctify, often in tandem. □



# Former WWE star Jim 'The Anvil' Neidhart dies at 63

By DAN GELSTON

Associated Press

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. (AP)

— Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, who joined with brother-in-law Bret Hart to form one of the top tag teams in the 1980s with the WWE, has died. He was 63.

The Pasco Sheriff's Office said Neidhart fell at home, hit his head and "succumbed to his injury" on Monday in Wesley Chapel, Florida. No foul play was suspected. Neidhart's daughter, known as Natalya, wrestles for the WWE and is a former women's champion. Neidhart made appearances with his daughter in the WWE reality series, "Total Divas."

Neidhart, Bret "Hitman" Hart and manager Jimmy "The Mouth of the South" Hart made up the Hart Foundation stable in the 1980s and 1990s and the tag team won two WWE championships.

"What a great run we had. I couldn't believe how it took off," Jimmy Hart told The Associated Press. "But the reason why was, Neidhart was such a great character back then. Bret was more cool, the girls loved him. Neidhart and myself were kind of the evil twins."

Neidhart married Hart's sis-



This April 7, 1986, file photo shows Chicago Bears' William Perry, landing a punch on pro wrestler Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart during "Over-The-Top-Rope" battle royal at Wrestlemania 2 in Rosemont, Ill.

Associated Press

ter, Ellie, and became part of the famed family wrestling dynasty in Canada. Stu Hart trained his sons, including Bret and former WWE star Owen Hart, as well as Neidhart in the 1970s. Neidhart started his pro wrestling career in Stu Hart's Stampede Wrestling promotion and eventually signed with the WWE in 1985.

Hart posted a picture on social media of himself with Neidhart and the WWE tag

team belts around their waists with the caption, "Stunned and saddened. I just don't have the words right now."

Neidhart wrestled mostly for WWE from 1985 to 1997 and was known for his pink and black gear, maniacal laugh and goatee.

Ross Hart, his brother-in-law and a former pro wrestler, told The Associated Press that Neidhart suffered from Alzheimer's disease and it was believed he suffered a

grand mal seizure on Monday.

"He got up (Monday) morning and went to lower the temperature on the air conditioner and he just collapsed and I think died pretty quickly," Hart said. "I was think this was stemming from Alzheimer's which he'd been battling for some time. It's a struggle he's been going through." Jimmy Hart said Neidhart seemed in good health when they last saw each

other in April on WrestleMania weekend.

"He was witty, he was funny. He seemed sharp as a tack," Hart said.

The Hart Foundation started as bad guys in WWE and won their first tag team championship in 1987 with the help of a crooked referee. They won the tag titles again in 1990 but split up not long after their second reign ended. Bret Hart was the wrestling technician of the team while Neidhart brought the raw force and power that made them fan favorites later in their run.

As a singles wrestler, Hart would become one of the biggest stars in WWE history and made the promotion's Hall of Fame. Neidhart founded for most of the 1990s before aligning again with Hart, Owen Hart, Brian Pillman and the British Bulldog to form a new Hart Foundation and become the top faction in WWE.

Hart is the only wrestler from that incarnation still alive.

"He was very gifted athletically, even though Bret got more of the credit," Ross Hart said. "He was more of the power behind the team but at times he did some incredibly gifted things in the ring. He was like a water buffalo. He was tough to control and tame." □

## Joshua Cohen's 'Attention' demands your whole focus

By ROB MERRILL

Associated Press

"Attention: Dispatches from a Land of Distraction" (Random House), by Joshua Cohen

If curiosity is a writer's greatest innate gift, Joshua Cohen may be America's greatest living writer.

Or maybe just the most focused.

His first collection of non-fiction, emblazoned with the word "Attention" four times in bold font like crime scene tape on the cover, is dazzling in its scope, but, oh the irony, it's also very hard to get through.

There are 46 pieces here, about everything from the Ringling Bros. circus to Bernie Sanders. And those are

just a couple recognizable topics. Throw in deep dives about Czech writer Bohumil Hrabal, 1936 German Olympian Helene Mayer, and 29 pages about the author's journey to Azerbaijan in search of wisdom from the "Mountain Jews" living in the Caucasus mountains, and what you have is a hodgepodge of writing that makes your head spin.

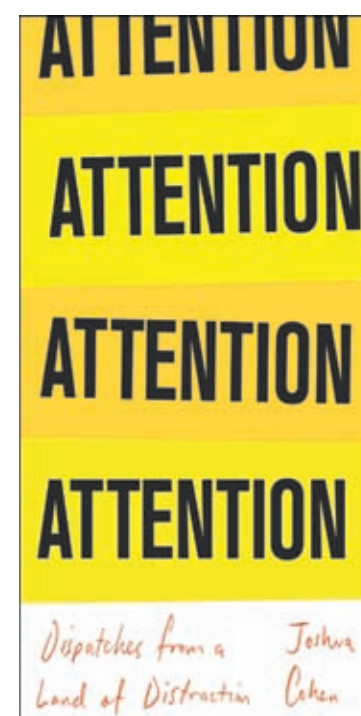
Digested in very small doses — an essay per night before bed, say, or a short one on the john — it will still take you weeks to reach the end of this book. And when you get there, you'll probably have forgotten how Hrabal redeemed Socialist Realism.

Still, writing like this does deserve some praise. Cohen truly commits to his subjects, dropping knowledge and literary criticism all over the place. On Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa's juxtaposition of natives and conquerors: "He has always believed that one tradition can, and does, reinforce the other, but it seems that his belief gutters out when the indigenous becomes the popular."

The whole book is like that, filled with topics that will be foreign to most readers, forcing them to really engage if they want to comprehend any of it. Despite the author's disdain for our modern society of distraction, it also helps to have

Google close at hand. Some context before each piece may have helped. When and why did Cohen write this? Was it published somewhere or scribbled in a journal? The best bits, for this reviewer, are the "From the Diaries" pages between pieces. Here's one of my favorites, titled "WHY I'VE NEVER HAD SEX IN HUNGARY: Mom calls me in Budapest: 'Bring me back that paprika paste, the kind in the squeeze tube. Aren't all the women beautiful? Don't they all look like me?'"

If you enjoyed Cohen's singular novel "Book of Numbers," you'll find essays here to love, too. You'll just have to work at it. □



This cover image released by Random House shows "Attention: Dispatches from a Land of Distraction," by Joshua Cohen.

Associated Press



# Artists, fans push music festivals to tackle sex harassment

By KRISTIN M. HALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

When Emma Friedman went to her first rock festival at the age of 17, she was so excited to get to see bands she loved in a festival environment. But as she was leaving, she recalls her mom making a comment like, "Are you sure you want to wear those shorts?"

Friedman didn't think anything of it until she got groped at the festival.

"They were what I felt confident in and what made me feel comfortable," said Friedman, who is now 20 and going to school in Asheville, North Carolina. "And then I was crowd surfing and some guy was trying to be inappropriate."

Friedman said her friend who accompanied her was groped so hard she bled.

Friedman is one of many music fans who have spoken up about sexual harassment and groping at musical festivals recently as the #MeToo movement has emboldened more



In this Oct. 25, 2015 file photo, a festival-goer crowd surfs at the 2015 Knottfest USA in San Bernardino, Calif.

people to talk about harassment in public spaces. With increased focus on the longstanding problem but little statistical data on how often it happens, music fans and even artists are asking the live music indus-

try to make cultural changes.

This year, Friedman went back to the same festival, called Carolina Rebellion, this time armed with a sign that said, "Stop Sexually Assaulting Female Crowd Surfers." She said the response was overwhelmingly positive with both women and men thanking her for her sign.

"I just want there to be a conversation and for people to feel safer and be able to enjoy concerts and festivals without the fear," Friedman said.

Some festivals are responding to these complaints by training festival staff and volunteers on how to respond to harassment, adding booths or signs with information on where to report sexual violence, and having clearly posted anti-harassment policies.

Some artists have spoken out on stage to try to stop groping that they can see in the crowd, including Drake and Sam Carter from the British band The Architects. Pop singer Madison Beer said during one show, she called out a man who was being aggressive to a woman in the crowd.

"She kept pushing him off, pushing him off, and he wouldn't stop yelling at her and telling her to shut up and all this stuff," Beer said.

"I stopped the show and I was like, 'Leave her alone.' Everyone applauded and was whatever. I don't even do things like that for a reaction or applause. I genuinely don't like seeing that. I've definitely had my fair share of guys being a little too much with me and they think just because they follow me on Instagram they know me."

CHVRCHES singer Lauren Mayberry experienced it as a music writer when she was reviewing a show.

"I stood on a small square box table thing to look up to write on my notepad how many people were in this band and somebody put their hand up my skirt when I was doing that. That's not a minority of cases. It happens a lot at shows," Mayberry said during an interview in Chicago where her band was performing at Lollapalooza.

"I think it's about power and taking advantage in a situation, which is a societal theme," Mayberry said. "I think it's good that more conversations are being had around those things off the back of things like #MeToo. I don't know how you change these things other than trying to create a community and create security and back up women's voices when they raise them."

Some artists are leveraging their platforms by having anti-harassment policies as a part of their tour contract, or even giving fans a way to report harassment directly to the band.

Sadie Dupuis, the lead singer of the indie rock band Speedy Ortiz, set up a hotline a couple of years ago for fans to text if they experienced harassment and didn't know where to turn. She said the most recent example of someone using their hotline was when someone reported that a person in the crowd was using transphobic language and harassing someone.

Shawna Potter, of the feminist band War on Women, has created a guidebook about creating safer public spaces after working with many venues in the Baltimore area. She said that she understands that smaller, independent bands don't always feel like they have the authority to insist that venues make changes to their safety policies.

"There might not be a lot that you feel you can do without risking that opportunity in the first place," Potter said. "By the time you make it to the stage, you're already cashing in on that opportunity. So use that microphone. Let people know that even if they are harassed in that venue and you don't know if that venue is trustworthy, let them know you can talk to you."

Much of the discussion about addressing harassment in public spaces has been spearheaded by local anti-violence or anti-abuse agencies. In Chicago, two anti-violence agencies in the city created a campaign called Our Music, My Body about three years ago. They help festivals create anti-harassment statements or public policies and show up to festivals to give people information about where to report violence or harassment. Lara Haddadin, 23, has been volunteering with Our Music, My Body at festivals like Lollapalooza, Riot Fest and more in the Chicago area for the past three years. □



In this Aug. 2, 2018 file photo, Lauren Mayberry of the band Chvrches performs at Lollapalooza in Chicago.

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